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A few, however, were not returned to us; and, as we have no means of knowing whether they contain errors or not, we cannot vouch for their accuracy. In justice to our readers, and to render this work more valuable for reference purposes, we have indicated these uncorrected sketches by a small asterisk (*), placed immediate'y after the name of the subject. They will all be found on the last pages of the book.

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PREFACE.

THE character and contents of this up-to-date volume of biography are indicated on the title-page; its place in the series we are publishing is elsewhere shown. An index at the end renders easy of reference the book, whose ample text may be trusted to furnish many an answer to the question of "Who's who?" in Merrimack and Sullivan Counties to-day.

"Life is real! life is earnest!" The New England psalmist sings a true note: New England people as a rule have been accustomed to take life earnestly, to improve its opportunities for advancement and enlargement, for using and strengthening native talent, for developing the resources of their rugged region, for cultivating the sterner human virtues,—working manfully and womanfully in various fields and diverse ways to "leave the world better" than they found it. The name and fame of not a few New Englanders of worth and influence in Colonial and later times have been preserved in history; but of many others it can only be said that, beyond a name and a date or two that have rewarded the labors of the genealogist, they have left no memorial. Efforts are being made by the present generation to give honor where honor is due, to testify its regard for living and for recently departed worthies by making and keeping a fuller record of individuals who have distinguished themselves by usefulness in word and deed, brave rebuke of wrong, and gallant championship of justice and right,—persons who have earned the title of public benefactors. Due at once to all such, clear statement of fact and grateful appreciation, the future, when it will, may rear the monumental stone.

DANIEL WEBSTER.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER, LL.D.

"With rarest gifts of heart and head
From manliest stock inherited,
New England's stateliest type of man."

Born on January 18, 1782, in Salisbury, N.H., Daniel Webster was the younger son of Captain Ebenezer Webster by his second wife, Abigail Eastman. His father was a son of Ebenezer second, grandson of Ebenezer first, and great-grandson of Thomas Webster, of Ormsby, Norfolk County, England, who was an early settler in Hampton, N.H. Captain Ebenezer Webster is said to have inherited from his mother, Mrs. Susannah B. Webster, who was a descendant of the Rev. Stephen Bachiler and "a woman of uncommon strength of understanding," some of his most prominent mental and physical traits. He has been characterized as a "perfect example of a strong-minded, unlettered man, of sound common-sense, correct judgment, and tenacious memory." He commanded a company in the Revolution, and later in life was a Colonel in the State militia. A farmer by occupation, he also held the office of "side justice" in the Court of Common Pleas. By his first wife he had five children, namely: two that died young, Susannah, David, and Joseph; and by his second five, as follows: Mehitable, Abigail, Ezekiel, Daniel, and Sarah. In 1783 Captain Webster removed from the homestead where the early years of his married life had been spent to Elms Farm, as later known, in that part of the town of Salisbury, N.H., that is now Franklin, Merrimack County.

Physically frail, the young child Daniel here passed his time for the next few years mostly in healthful play, learning at home to read the Bible so early and easily that in after life he could never remember when and how he did it. He attended the district schools a number of terms; was nine months a pupil at Phillips Exeter Academy; studied under Dr. Wood at Boscawen, N.H., also a brief time with another tutor; and, entering Dartmouth College in 1797, was graduated in 1801. In 1800, a youth of eighteen in his Junior year, he delivered a Fourth of July oration at Hanover, N.H. Studying law at Salisbury and in the office of Christopher Gore in Boston, in the meantime earning money by teaching and by copying deeds in Fryeburg, Me., to help his brother Ezekiel defray college expenses, Mr. Webster was admitted to the bar in Boston in 1805. Returning to New Hampshire to be near his father, whose health was failing, he lived the life of a country lawyer in Boscawen, his practice extending over three counties. In 1807, his brother Ezekiel taking his place in Boscawen and assuming charge of the home farm, their father having died in 1806, he removed to Portsmouth, N.H., where he rapidly rose to prominence in his profession and in politics.

Elected to Congress in 1812, he took his seat in the following May, his term ending March 4, 1817. He had changed his residence to Boston, Mass., in 1816; and there he devoted himself to his lucrative law practice till December, 1823, when he again became a member of Congress. He was chosen Senator in 1827, and from that time on till his death, which occurred at Marshfield, Mass., October 24, 1852, with short intervals of retirement, he served his country either in the Senate or in the Cabinet, easily "the first lawyer and the first statesman" in the land.

Mr. Webster had five children, all by his first wife, Grace Fletcher. The three who grew to maturity were: Colonel Fletcher, who was killed at the second battle of Bull Run in August, 1862; Julia, Mrs. Samuel A. Appleton, who died in April, 1848; and Major Edward, who died in Mexico in January, 1848. Mrs. Appleton left four children, the eldest a daughter Caroline, who married in 1871, for her second husband, Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, of Baltimore, and is now a widow residing in Washington, D.C. Mr. Webster's first wife died in January, 1828; and in December, 1829, he married Miss Caroline Le Roy, of New York, who survived him.

From a recent article in the *Daily Mirror* we glean some interesting particulars concerning "beautiful Grace Fletcher," of whom little has been written by the biographers of Mr. Webster. She was born in Hopkinton, N.H., in 1781, a daughter of the Rev. Elijah Fletcher. Her father died in 1786; and her mother married the Rev. Christopher Page, who succeeded him as pastor of the Congregational church at Hopkinton, but in 1789 removed to Pittsfield, N.H., where he remained till 1796, and where his son James W. was born. Grace Fletcher's school days ended when she left Atkinson Academy at the age of eighteen. At the home of her sister Rebecca, wife of Judge Kelley, of Salisbury, she met Daniel Webster, then a rising young lawyer of Portsmouth. Acquaintance soon ripened into love; and they were married in Judge Kelley's parlor, June 10, 1808. "They at once established and maintained for nine years a humble home at Portsmouth, winning the love and respect of all associates. Mrs. Webster, with her superior grace and beauty, inherited ability and intellectual accomplishments, was equal to all occasions, never discouraged, proud of her husband's success, but not unduly elated. Queen at home or in the public drawing-room, she met the most distinguished men of the time." She was much attached to the picturesque town of Pittsfield, and was accustomed to make long visits to her sister there, Mrs. White.

Mr. Webster retained to the last the love for farm life, which was doubtless born with him, but was mainly developed, it would seem, after his mental faculties had attained their growth and had long had full play. About two years after the death of his brother Ezekiel, in April, 1829, he became the owner of the old home place in Franklin; and to this he added by purchase other lands, so that Elms Farm came to be a valuable estate of about one thousand acres with many improvements. It was long under the management of a tenant farmer from Massachusetts, John Taylor by name, to whom Mr. Webster was wont to write directions like the following, which we quote from a letter in Mr. Lanman's book on his Private Life, dated March 17, 1852: "Whatever ground you sow or plant, see that it is in good condition. We want no *pennyroyal crops*. . . . Be sure to produce sufficient quantities of useful vegetables. A man may half support his family from a good garden." In 1839 Mr. Webster, having sold his

house in Boston, removed with his family to his estate of about two thousand acres in the town of Marshfield, Mass. There he freely and expensively indulged his agricultural tastes and his hospitality, and from both derived great enjoyment.

To return now to Mr. Webster's public life. First, perhaps, among his memorable addresses should be named his "Reply to Hayne" in the Senate Chamber, January 26, 1830, which has been pronounced "next to the Constitution the most correct and complete exposition of the true powers and functions of the Federal government," a speech "replete with eloquence and power, clear in statement, grand in language, irresistible in argument." One of the grandest mementos in Faneuil Hall, Boston, is the painting by Healy, which reproduces the scene of that matchless eloquence. There is no questioning the fact, and it cannot be too strongly emphasized, that "Mr. Webster was thoroughly national," with "no taint of sectionalism or narrow local prejudice about him." As a diplomatist he rendered eminent service to the country, entitling him to honorable fame and lasting gratitude. Not to speak of his great forensic efforts and numerous forceful occasional speeches, his Bi-centennial Discourse at Plymouth, the two Bunker Hill Addresses and the Eulogy on Adams and Jefferson are recognized triumphs of American oratory. In his famous 7th of March speech, 1850, it has been said, "he broke from his past and closed his public career with a terrible mistake." A more generous-minded critic argues that his course on that occasion was "consistent with his whole career in postponing all other considerations to the supreme need of saving the Union." And Whittier, whose muse had earlier made bitter lamentation over departed glory, reviewing in the calm eventide of life the great conflict for Union and Liberty, which sad concessions had availed not to stay, recognizing Mr. Webster's rich endowment, his power to call out the might of men in noble cause, offers gracious tribute to the sleeper by the "lonely northern sea, where long and low the marsh-lands spread":—

"Wise men and strong we did not lack;
But still, with memory turning back,
In the dark hours we thought of thee,
And thy lone grave beside the sea.

. . . . . .

"But where thy native mountains bare
Their foreheads to diviner air,
Fit emblem of enduring fame,
One lofty summit keeps thy name.
For thee the cosmic forces did
The rearing of that pyramid,
The prescient ages shaping with
Fire, flood, and frost thy monolith.
Sunrise and sunset lay thereon
With hands of light their benison,
The stars of midnight pause to set
Their jewels in its coronet.
And evermore that mountain mass
Seems climbing from the shadowy pass
To light, as if to manifest
Thy nobler self, thy life at best!"

WILLIAM P. EGGLESTONE, one of the leading agriculturists of Plainfield, Sullivan County, was born in this town, November 5, 1826, son of Colonel Charles and Betsey (Fullum) Egglestone. His maternal great-grandfather, Samuel Williams, moved with his family, in 1759, from Connecticut to New Hampshire, where, having cleared a farm, he cultivated it for the rest of his active period. Samuel married Sarah Lawrence, who was a descendant of John Lawrence, one of the "Mayflower" Pilgrims.

Samuel Egglestone, the paternal grandfather of William P., and a native of Connecticut,

served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. After his discharge from the army he resumed farming in Plainfield. He was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name is unknown, bore him one son, Samuel (second). When he returned home from the war, his wife was dead, and his boy had disappeared without leaving any trace. Many years afterward an account, published by the local newspapers, of how one Samuel Egglestone, an aged farmer, had mowed half an acre of land before breakfast, was extensively copied throughout New England. It was seen by his son, then forty years old, who, thinking that it might be his father, came to Plainfield and met him. Samuel Egglestone (second) married, and had nine children. His father wedded for his second wife Phœbe Williams, daughter of Samuel Williams, of Plainfield. By this union there were four children — Simon, Sibyl, Charles, and Zeruah. Simon resided in Vermont, and reared a family. Sibyl became the wife of Charles Livermore, of Hartland, Vt.; and Judge Livermore of that State was one of her sons. Zeruah, who became Mrs. Keyes, resided in the West, and had one son.

Colonel Charles Egglestone, William P. Egglestone's father, was born and reared in Plainfield. After leaving school, he learned the carpenter's trade, and later became a well-known contractor and builder. He erected several school-houses, academies, and other public buildings in New Hampshire and Vermont, besides many private residences. The house and farm buildings which are now owned by his son, William P., were erected by him in 1842. He served in the War of 1812, and was later commissioned Colonel of the Fifteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Militia. Though not active in political affairs, he served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen and in other town offices. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist. Colonel Charles Egglestone died June 25, 1858. His wife, Betsey, whom he married in 1812, was born in Fitzwilliam, N.H. She became the mother of nine children, born as follows: Lorenzo, October 30, 1812; Lucinda, August 11, 1815; Francis F., August 6, 1817; Mary Ann, June 27, 1820; Sarah, April 23, 1822; William P., the subject of this sketch; Ai, November 16, 1829; Henry, March 4, 1832; and Helen M., October 23, 1835. Lorenzo, who is no longer living, was a machinist and followed that calling in Cambridge and Boston, Mass. He married Elizabeth Lamarau, of Rochester, N.Y., and had a family of six children. Lucinda married Raymond Page, of Springfield, Vt., and had two children. Francis F. went to Chicago, and engaged in manufacturing furniture. He married Fanny Laughton, and had a family of nine children, of whom the survivors are two sons, now carrying on the business established by their father. Mary Ann married S. F. Redfield, a tailor of Claremont, N.H., and had seven children. Sarah married Daniel Kenyon, a farmer of Claremont, and had four children, two of whom are living. Ai served in the Civil War as a member of the Sixth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and afterward settled in Bloomington, Ill., where he died. He married Speedy B. Farrington, of Claremont, N.H., and was the father of three children, one of whom is living. Henry was engaged in the furniture business in Chicago. He married Isabella Laughton, who bore him four children, three of whom are living. Helen M. became the wife of George T. Avery, a prosperous farmer of Plainfield, and had one son, who is still living. Mrs. Charles Egglestone died May 1, 1868.

William P. Egglestone began his education in the common schools of Plainfield, and com-

pleted his studies at the high school in Hartland, Vt. When a young man he learned the cabinet-maker's trade in Boston. From Boston he went to Iowa, and later settled in Chicago, where he followed his trade for a number of years. When paying a visit to his parents, his father died. He was then prevailed upon by his mother to take charge of the farm, and he has since remained at the homestead. He has a large and productive farm, which affords him ample opportunity for the raising of superior crops. He also has a dairy. For twenty years he was engaged in the manufacture of caskets; and he was an undertaker until 1890, when he gave up the business on account of failing health. Mr. Egglestone has acceptably served the community in some of the town offices. He attends the Congregational church.

Mr. Egglestone married Caroline V. Seaver, who was born in Gardiner, Me., April 20, 1830. Mrs. Egglestone's parents, John and Catherine (Dill) Seaver, died when she was very young. She is the mother of four children, namely: Charles, born August 25, 1860; Leonora K., born March 20, 1863; Addie L., born December 30, 1865; and Florida F., born September 16, 1868. Charles has always resided with his parents, and assists in carrying on the farm. He married Elizabeth Davis, who was born in England, July 14, 1871, daughter of Evan Davis; and she is the mother of one son, William Edward, born April 4, 1896. Leonora K. married Lindsley L. Walker, a native of Reading, Vt., and now a blacksmith of Hanover, N.H. Addie L. is the wife of Fred A. Cowen, a merchant in Lebanon, N.H. Florida F. married George W. Hodges, a maker of fine tools for the Waltham Watch Company, and resides in Waltham, Mass. She has one son, Forrest E., born May 30, 1895.

HENRY F. HOLLIS is a rising young lawyer of Concord and a descendant of some well-known New Hampshire families. He was born in West Concord, August 30, 1869, and is a son of Major Abijah and Harriette V. M. (French) Hollis. The first of the name on record was John Hollis, an early settler in Weymouth, Mass. After him came another John, and then, in succession, four of the name of Thomas, all of them natives of Braintree, Mass. The last-named Thomas Hollis, who was the grandfather of the subject of our sketch, was a stone contractor of Quincy, Mass., and one of the leading men of his time in that business. He furnished the stone for the famous Minot's Ledge light-house. In 1826–27 he laid the track of the first railroad ever built in America to haul granite from the quarries to the Neponset River. He was one of the most prominent citizens of Milton, and took an active part in all its local affairs. He married Deborah C. Allen, of Braintree, Mass. She was a descendant of the Rev. Peter Clark, who was graduated at Harvard in 1712, and ordained minister of the church at Salem village in 1717, and married Deborah Hobart, of Braintree, in 1719.

Abijah Hollis was the youngest son of Thomas and Deborah, and one of a large family of children. He first attended the district schools of Milton, then went to Phillips Exeter Academy, and subsequently studied law at the Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Mass. He was admitted to the Suffolk County (Massachusetts) bar in 1861. Before entering upon the practice of his profession, however, the Civil War having broken out, and inspired with patriotic ardor, he enlisted, and was elected a commissioned officer in the Forty-fifth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, and served out his term of enlistment

with that regiment. On its expiration he re-enlisted in the Fifty-sixth Massachusetts Volunteers, and served until the end of the war. At the battle of the Wilderness he received a severe wound, and at the close of the war his health was so seriously impaired that he found himself unable to withstand the strain of the legal profession. He accordingly decided to turn his attention to outdoor business. In 1865 he removed to Concord, N.H., and in company with his brother proceeded to open one of the first stone quarries ever worked in this town. This business he successfully conducted until his retirement in 1895. Major Hollis has taken a prominent part in the political affairs of the State, and held many public offices. In 1876 he was elected to the legislature.

Major Hollis married Harriette V. M. French, daughter of the Hon. Henry F. French, of Exeter and Chester, N.H., who was Assistant Secretary of the United States Treasury from the time of Grant's administration to that of Cleveland, and from 1855 to 1859 was Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in New Hampshire. He was the first President of the Massachusetts Agricultural College. His father, Daniel French, was a second cousin of Daniel Webster, and was Attorney General of New Hampshire early in the century. Judge French married Anne, daughter of William M. Richardson, Chief Justice of New Hampshire for many years. Their son, Daniel C. French, is the distinguished sculptor of New York City, among whose most celebrated works are the statue of the Republic, executed for the Columbian Exposition, Chicago, and the Minute-man standing at the historic bridge in Concord, Mass. Major Hollis is the father of the following children: Thomas, who is a broker in Boston, Mass.; Anne R.; Henry F., of Concord; Allen, also a lawyer of Concord, N.H.; and Mary F.

Henry F. Hollis, the subject of this sketch, was graduated at the Concord High School in the class of 1886. In 1886–87 he was engaged in railroad engineering between Denver, Col., and San Francisco, Cal., and on a survey of the intervening mountain passes. Returning East, he prepared at Concord, Mass., to enter Harvard College, where he was graduated in 1892. He attended the Harvard Law School, and also studied law in the offices of the Hon. William L. Foster and H. G. Sargent at Concord, N.H., and was admitted to the Merrimack County bar in 1893. Since that date Mr. Hollis has formed a law partnership with Harry G. Sargent and E. C. Niles, of Concord. He has been elected a Trustee of the New Hampshire Savings Bank and a member of the Board of Education, a marked evidence of the confidence which his fellow-townsmen already repose in him. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast his first Presidential vote for Grover Cleveland in 1892. June 14, 1893, he was united in marriage to Grace B. Fisher, of Norwood, Mass. They have two children — Henry F., Jr., and Anne R. Mr. Hollis bids fair to enter the first ranks of his profession and to add fresh laurels to the family record.

NATHANIEL MORGAN TRUE, a prominent farmer of Plainfield, was born here, February 21, 1826, son of Osgood and Betsey (Morgan) True. The founder of the family, who came from old England among the early settlers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, subsequently settled in Salisbury, N.H. Benjamin True, grandfather of Nathaniel M., was the first of the family in Plainfield. He left an honored name. As did most of the men of his day, he won his

sustenance from the soil. His first wife, a Sanborn before her marriage, had seven children, six of whom were: Reuben, Osgood, Hannah, Sarah, Judith, and Abigail. The seventh child, a daughter, married a Severance and lived in Andover. Benjamin True's second marriage was contracted with Mrs. Roberts, a widow, who bore him three children — Lydia, Eunice, and Kimball.

Osgood True, born in Plainfield, August 5, 1789, died October 26, 1856. After completing his public-school education, he stayed for a short time as a helper on his father's farm, and later assumed the management of the farm and carried it on until his death. He raised large numbers of cattle and sheep as well as some garden produce. He was Selectman for a number of years; and he represented the town in the State legislature for a time, fulfilling the obligations of these important trusts to the full satisfaction of his constituents. For many years prior to his death he was a Deacon of the Baptist church. Educational matters obtained considerable attention from him. He took an active part in the service of the militia, being finally chosen Captain. He married Betsey Morgan, daughter of Nathaniel Morgan, a well-to-do farmer of Plainfield. She was born July 10, 1793, and died November 9, 1875. Their six children were: Marcia E., born July 1, 1820; Ellen M., born July 8, 1822; Benjamin O., born June 1, 1824; Nathaniel M., the subject of this sketch; David P., born August 18, 1829; and Ellen M. (second), born July 13, 1833. Marcia married Jasper H. Purmort, a prosperous farmer of Lebanon, and has a family of children. Ellen M. (first) died in infancy. Benjamin O. died in November, 1845, at the age of twenty-one years, having just graduated from Kimball Union Academy. David P., who is a successful farmer in Minnesota, first married Lucy Kidder, and had two children His second wife, whose maiden name was Crowe, bore him one daughter, now a physician well known in her profession in the West. Ellen M. (second) married Thomas E. Hough, who has been a successful farmer and travelling agent, living in Claremont and in New York State. They have four children — Clement T., Elizabeth E., Della M., and Kate M.

Nathaniel M. True attended Kimball Union Academy. After finishing school, he worked on the homestead farm, assisting his father in the management for a time. When the health of the latter became poor, he took full charge. The farm, which is a large one, containing nearly five hundred acres, has a handsome residence and numerous well-kept buildings. Mr. True has given his personal attention to all the details of his business, which he finds quite enough to occupy his full time. He has never cared for public life, nor aspired to political preferment. On October 13, 1853, he married Ruth L. Hough, daughter of Clement Hough, of Lebanon, a leading farmer of his time in that place. Mrs. True was born May 25, 1834. They have no children.

EZRA TAFT SIBLEY, a retired manufacturer of Newport, Sullivan County, was born in Auburn, Mass., February 3, 1817, son of Ezra and Marcia (Taft) Sibley. His grandfather, Reuben Sibley, who was also a Massachusetts man, and is said to have been born in Sutton of that State, carried on general farming for a time. Reuben went to Maine and settled in the town of Jay, Franklin County, where he conducted a ferry on the Androscoggin River during the remainder of his life. His son, Ezra, born in Sutton, September 21, 1787, was a scythe maker — a trade which he learned when a

young man. He conducted a successful business in Auburn, Mass., several years, was a liberal in religion, and a Democrat in politics. In the year 1815 he married Marcia Taft, a native of Uxbridge, Mass., who died at the age of twenty-eight years. They had two children: Ezra T., the subject of this sketch; and Evelyn, who married Mr. Lowell Sweetzer, of Wakefield, Mass., and died in June, 1871. His second marriage was contracted with Elmira Golding, who lived to a good age. He died March 13, 1830.

Ezra T. Sibley lived in Auburn until the death of his father, which occurred when he was but thirteen years of age. Then he went to his grandfather's at Uxbridge, remaining there for two years. At this time he went to Millbury, Mass., where he entered the employ of Hale & Whipple, scythe manufacturers, and learned the trade which he has since made his business. He remained with that firm about three and one-half years, after which he worked at his trade in Chelmsford, Mass., for one year, and in New London, N.H., for nine years. In 1845 he came to Newport, N.H., and bought a half-interest in the scythe factory owned by Mr. Larned. The factory had been conducted by Larned & Sibley for three years, when on account of the failure of his health Mr. Larned disposed of his interest in the business to William Dunton, of Newport. Three years later Mr. Sibley bought out Mr. Dunton, and thereafter ran the business alone until 1873, when he took his son into partnership. In 1891 he retired after a continuous business life of forty-six years, being at that time the oldest manufacturer of scythes in the United States. He still carries on his farm, and also operates a lumber-mill at North Newport. He has been largely instrumental in building up the present business successfully carried on by his son. His political principles are Republican, and he has served Newport in the capacities of Selectman and legislative Representative.

On July 19, 1838, Mr. Sibley married Lydia D. Gay, who was born in New London, N.H., March 10, 1820, daughter of David and Asenath (Davis) Gay. Mr. and Mrs. Sibley have had six children, as follows: Amelia R., born April 7, 1840; Frank A., born January 28, 1851; Anson, who died at the age of two years; Isabelle, who died aged six and one-half years; and two who died in infancy. Amelia R. is now the wife of Samuel Allen, who is employed in the scythe factory; and she has eight children. Frank A., who married Mary M. Putnum, and has three children, is now carrying on the scythe-manufacturing business established by his father. A self-made man and one of the oldest residents of the town, Ezra Taft Sibley has the sincere respect of his fellow-townsmen.

DAVID N. PATTERSON, for many years one of the most active and prominent business men of Contoocook, N.H., was born June 1, 1800, in Henniker, Merrimack County, and died March 28, 1892, in the village of Contoocook, at the venerable age of ninety-one years, nine months, and twenty-eight days. He was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, so called, being a direct descendant of John Patterson, who on account of religious persecution fled from Scotland to the northern part of Ireland, where his son Robert and his grandson, who, it is thought, was named Alexander, were born. The latter emigrated to America in 1721, bringing with him his family, which included a son, Alexander second.

Alexander Patterson, second, married Elizabeth Arbuckle, who was born in 1720 on board

ship in which her parents came to this country. He settled first in Londonderry, N.H., where he held office in 1751, but subsequently removed to Pembroke, N.H., in the early days of its settlement, and was one of the first Selectmen of the town. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His wife, a well-educated woman for those days, taught school several terms. In 1799 they migrated to Thetford, Vt., going thence to Strafford, Vt., where both died in 1802. They had nine children, Alexander, the third to bear that name, being the next in line of descent.

Alexander third, born July 10, 1763, married Mary Nelson, of Sterling, Mass., and settled in Henniker, N.H. In 1806 he erected a building on the site now occupied by the residence of W. P. Cogswell, and put in water-works, which were used until 1878. He was very prominent and popular among his fellow-men, full of humor and ready wit, and was generally accosted by young and old as Uncle Sandy. He died January 12, 1827, in the sixty-fourth year of his age. They had a family of eleven children, of whom David N., the special subject of this biographical sketch, was the seventh-born. Their daughter Mary M., the next younger child, became a very successful teacher, being endowed with a strong personality and a remarkable gift for imparting knowledge. She began teaching at the age of eighteen, and taught in Henniker and Warner until 1828. Going then to Cambridge, Washington County, N.Y., she taught in that locality twenty years. In 1844 she received a State license on parchment, and continued her labors until 1869, devoting forty-nine years to the education of the young. Her husband, Hervey Culver, to whom she was married in 1846, dying in 1875, she removed to Vassar, Mich.

David N. Patterson left home at the age of sixteen years, going to Weare to work for his brother-in-law, John Chase. Four years later he began working at the clothier's trade with his brother Joab, a woollen manufacturer in Deering, N.H. In 1829 the two young men came to Contoocook, establishing themselves in business, first in carding rolls, then engaging in fulling and shearing, eventually engaging in the full manufacture of cloths, their old mills standing on the site of the present silk factory. There were several mills in that vicinity, including a saw-mill, a grist-mill, a sash, door, and blind mill, a kit factory, a woollen-mill, etc., all of which were destroyed in the fall of 1871, the silk-mill having since been erected. The Patterson brothers continued in business until 1860, building up a substantial and profitable trade from one which at the beginning was largely an exchange. David N. Patterson continued his residence in the village until his death, preserving his mental and physical activities in a remarkable manner. He was very influential in local affairs, a strong worker in the temperance cause, and an enthusiastic laborer in the Free Will Baptist church, of which he was a member and for sixteen years the superintendent of the Sunday-school. In 1842 and 1843 he was one of the Selectmen of Hopkinton, and in 1845 and 1846 was a Representative to the General Court. In his younger days he served four years as Lieutenant in a company of militia.

On March 17, 1830, David N. Patterson married Maria Woods, a daughter of William S. and Betsey D. (Dutton) Woods. Mr. Woods settled in Henniker in 1800, purchasing mills at West Henniker, and was the first to carry on the clothier's trade there to any extent. A citizen of prominence, he served as Selectman in 1813, 1814, and 1815, and was a member of the State legislature in 1832 and

1833. He died at a good old age, March 29, 1847; and his wife passed away October 31, 1849. Mrs. Maria Woods Patterson died May 19, 1873, leaving four children, namely: Susan M., wife of Captain D. Howard, of Concord, N.H.; William A., of Contoocook; and Annette and Jennette, twins, the former of whom lives in Concord. The latter first married Charles Upton, of Amherst, N.H., and after his death became the wife of Charles H. Danforth, of Contoocookville. On June 15, 1875, Mr. Patterson married for his second wife Mrs. Sarah W. Batchelder, widow of Moses Batchelder, and daughter of Samuel and Mary (Gove) Philbrick, of Andover, N.H. She died June 14, 1890, aged seventy-nine years and eight months.

William A. Patterson, born at Contoocookville, N.H., December 12, 1836, received but a limited education, being obliged to go into the mill and feed the carding machines as soon as he was tall enough to reach the carding places. At the age of seventeen he went to work for his uncle, Dutton Woods, a bridge contractor and builder, remaining with him six or more years. In 1859 he entered the blacksmith's shops of the Northern Railway Company, continuing until March, 1862, when he returned to Contoocook, accepting a position in the kit shop. On August 7, 1862, Mr. Patterson enlisted for a term of three years in Company B, Second New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. Three days later, August 10, his marriage with Olive Amanda Allen, one of New Hampshire's brave and patriotic daughters, was solemnized. The following day he was mustered into service, and, leaving his bride, joined the Army of the Potomac. Ten days afterward he participated in the second battle of Bull Run, was taken prisoner, kept in the rebel lines a week, then paroled and sent to Camp Parole, where he was exchanged. At once returning to his comrades, he joined them at Falmouth, December 17, 1862, while on their retreat from the first attack on Fredericksburg. He subsequently was at the front in many important battles, including Gettysburg, and saw much hard service. On July 1, 1864, he was made Corporal of his company. June 7, 1865, he was discharged from the hospital at Hampton, Va., where he had been ill for six months, although he was never wounded.

On returning to Contoocook, Mr. Patterson worked for a year on the railway, and then resumed his former employment with his uncle, assisting in building bridges on the Concord Railroad for two years, also working on the Claremont and Passumpsic railways for four years. Since that time he has had charge of the branch office of Kimball & Lane, undertakers, of Concord, N.H. He is now serving his third year as Town Treasurer, besides which he is Treasurer and one of the stockholders of the Contoocook Electric Light Company. He is not an active politician, but always votes the straight Republican ticket. He is a member of the society connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is an active member. He is one of the leading Odd Fellows of this place, belonging to Kearsarge Lodge, I. O. O. F., and to Eagle Encampment, and in each body has been through all the chairs.

Mrs. Patterson is a grand-daughter of John and Hannah (Goldthwait) Allen, and a daughter of Willard Allen, who was born in Cornish, N.H., September 3, 1811, and died in Contoocook, June 21, 1882. Mr. Allen was a brickmaker by trade, following it first in Chelsea, Mass., and later in Croydon, this State. In 1853 he came to Contoocook, and in company with Warren M. Kempton started a factory for making mackerel kits in the

building now occupied by J. I. Morrill as a saw-mill. He had various partners, usually one of the Morrills, and continued in active business about twenty-five years. In 1838 he married Elvira Stone, of Grantham, a daughter of Daniel Stone. She died October 17, 1881, just a few months prior to his demise. They reared two children, namely: Olive Amanda, now Mrs. Patterson; and Walton Perkins Allen, of Hopkinton, N.H.

GEORGE WALLACE FISHER, a well-known farmer in Boscawen, N.H., was born June 26, 1837, in New London, this State. His father, Levi Fisher, was a native of Francestown, N.H.; and his mother, Fannie Wilkins Fisher, was born June 12, 1808, in Merrimack.

Mr. Fisher's ancestors can be traced back nine generations, as follows: Anthony Fisher first, who is said to have lived at Wignotte, in Sylcham Parish, England, married Mary Fiske, daughter of William and Anne Fiske, of St. James, South Elmsham, County Suffolk. He doubtless died at Syleham, as he was buried there April 11, 1640. Anthony second, the third child of Anthony first and Mary, and one of a family of six children, was baptized at Syleham, County Suffolk, England, April 23, 1591. He came to New England with his wife Mary and his children in the ship "Rose," June 26, 1637, and settled at Dorchester, Mass. He was made a freeman, May, 1645. His first wife died, doubtless in Dorchester; and he married, in 1663, Isabel, widow of Edward Breck. He held the office of Selectman in Dorchester. On May 5, 1662, he was allowed by the town four pounds for killing six wolves. He died intestate, April 18, 1671, in his eightieth year. Anthony third, his eldest son, settled in Dedham in 1637. He married September 7, 1647, Joanna, only daughter of Thomas and Joan Faxon, of Braintree. He removed from Dedham to Dorchester, where he died February 13, 1670. His widow died October 16, 1694. Their youngest son, Eleazer, the fourth in line, born at Dedham, September 18, 1669, died there February 6, 1722. He married October 13, 1698, Mary, daughter of William and Mary (Lane) Avery. She was born August 21, 1674, and died at Stoughton, March 25, 1749.

Their son David was born in Dedham, June 21, 1705. The spot where David's house stood in South Dedham is even now well known. He married first Deborah Boyden, second Elizabeth Talbot. The former died in July, 1770, aged fifty-nine years. David Fisher, first, died July 30, 1779. His children, all by his first wife, were: David, second, born January 22, 1733; Thomas; Jacob; Deborah; Hannah; Nathan; Oliver; Abigail; Mary; and Abner, the youngest, born June 20, 1755.

David second, eldest son of David and Deborah Fisher, and the sixth in the ancestral line, married Abigail Lewis, September 21, 1758, and settled on Morse Hill in Sharon (then Stoughtonham), Mass., where David third, who represents the seventh generation, was born June 26, 1759. He married Mehitable Hewins, born in Sharon, February 20, 1762.

David Fisher third, with other settlers from Dedham and Sharon, removed to Francestown about the year 1780, and cleared the farm known as the Jones Whitfield place, on the north-eastern slope of Oak Hill. Here he reared a family of thirteen children. He was large and athletic, his common weight, when in the prime and vigor of life, being two hundred and fifty pounds. He was known in

both Dedham and Francestown as "King David." He entered the Revolutionary army when sixteen years of age. He died in Francestown, November 8, 1829; his wife, Mehitable, died in the same town, May 4, 1849. Their children, who were of the eighth generation, and all save one born in Francestown, were: Mehitable, born February 18, 1782, married Ebenezer Burtt, of Hancock, and died in Francestown, September 17, 1854; David, born December 15, 1783, married Nancy Chandler, of Canton, Mass., and died in Charlotte, Me., March 11, 1842; Ebenezer, born August 11, 1785, married Sarah Johnson, of Sharon, Mass., went to Charlotte, Me., where he was a prosperous farmer and held various official positions, besides representing the town in the legislature, and died at Charlotte, February 4, 1850; Juel, born July 16, 1787, married Anna Gage, of Merrimack, died in Bedford, August 23, 1834; Susannah, born in Sharon, November 5, 1790, married Asa Howe, of Merrimack, died in Cooper, Me., February 26, 1860; Increase, born July 17, 1792, married Eunice Johnson, of Sharon, died in Charlotte, May 11, 1866; Enoch H., born March 16, 1794, married Roxana Lakin, of Francestown, died December 17, 1882, at Charlotte, Me.; Benjamin, born February 22, 1796, married Mary Starboard, of Portland, Me., died in Francestown, March 13, 1848; Asa, born October 1, 1798, married Mary Gage, of Merrimack, died in Sutton, February 28, 1846; Nancy, born October 10, 1800, married Walter Chadwick, of Sutton, died in Francestown, February 28, 1841; Levi (father of George W. Fisher), born March 14, 1803, married Fanny Wilkins, daughter of Alexander Wilkins, of Merrimack, was a farmer, and resided at Merrimack, where he died November 29, 1880; Mary, born April 17, 1805, married Jefferson Jones, of New Boston, also William Lovejoy, of Amherst, died in Goffstown, March 24, 1882; and Thomas, born May 12, 1808, married Lydia Hanson, of Weare, was a cabinet-maker, resided in Weare, N.H., where he died December 18, 1834.

Levi Fisher was a farmer. He removed from New London to Merrimack when his son, George W., was five years old; and he died there, November 29, 1880. His wife survives him, and lives with her son, Levi W., in Merrimack. Their children were five in number, as follows: Levi W., Sarah W., George W., Anna L., and Cynthia M. The first of these, Levi W., was born September 19, 1829. He married Lucy A. Freeman, who died January 26, 1875. He then married Frances E. Bowen. There was one child by the first marriage, Maria L., now the wife of Frank P. McAfee, of Nashua. By the second marriage there were three children: Fannie W., Ella Grace, and Edwin Milo, the first born March 9, 1884, the second March 3, 1886, and the third September 20, 1889; all are living at home. Levi Fisher's second child, Sarah W., was born February 6, 1832, and married Chester Bullard, of Nashua. Both are now deceased, he having died November 12, 1884, and she January 3, 1896. They had no children. Anna L. was born March 4, 1840, and married Hazen G. Dodge, a farmer of Merrimack, born August 24, 1837. They reside there, and have one child—Elwin H., a machinist in Nashua, born December 4, 1867. Cynthia M. was born January 14, 1843, and became the wife of Edwin M. Shepherd, a watch-maker and jeweller of Malden, Mass., where they reside. They have two children: Grace Emery, wife of Charles Bennett, of Malden; and Florence, a teacher in Chelsea, Mass.

George W., the direct subject of the present sketch, remained at home with his parents

until he was eighteen years old, when he went to Nashua, where he engaged in the sash, door, and blind business for five years. On October 7, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Seventh New Hampshire Volunteers, under Colonel Putnam and Captain Joseph Freschl. He was in engagements in South Carolina and Florida. On account of poor health he was discharged at Portsmouth Grove, R.I., October 29, 1863, and returned to Merrimack. He remained there till spring, then went to Manchester, N.H., and again entered into the sash and blind business. He also did carpentering, and continued thus engaged for eight years. In 1872 he came to Boscawen, and engaged in carpentering for his father-in-law, making no change until 1876, when he bought his present farm. He has carried on general farming here ever since. He owns two hundred and thirty acres, has made various improvements on his property, keeps three horses and ten cows, and does quite a dairy business, shipping milk to Boston.

Mr. Fisher was a charter member of Ezekiel Webster Grange at Boscawen, has been Master three years, and has held other offices in the grange for nine years. He is connected with the G. A. R., having been a member of a post in Manchester, and being now a member of W. I. Brown Post at Penacook, N.H. Since July, 1868, he has belonged to Hillsborough Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., of Manchester, of which he was at one time Chaplain. He has been Justice of the Peace for the past nineteen years, and for four years a member of the Board of Selectmen, being at present Chairman; and has been six years a member of the School Board and Chairman two years. He is a Republican in politics and an active worker for that party.

Mr. Fisher was married December 14, 1865, to Mary R. Green, a native of Litchfield, born December 6, 1836. She was the daughter of Hartwell W. and Sarah (Turner) Green, of Merrimack, both of whom are now dead. Mrs. Fisher died April 1, 1868; and Mr. Fisher was married November 30, 1869, to Esther P. Coffin, of Boscawen, who was born December 15, 1843, a daughter of Peter and Eunice (Couch) Coffin, the former of whom was a native of Boscawen and the latter of Webster. By this second marriage there were three children — George F., Winfred, and Levi P. George F. was born June 23, 1871, married in 1896 Lizzie A. Bachelder, of Northfield, and is engaged at home on the farm. Winfred was born May 18, 1873, was graduated at Bryant & Stratton Commercial College, Manchester, and became a member of the firm of Balch, Chandler & Co., grocers, in Penacook. He died February 23, 1896. Levi P., born October 12, 1876, was graduated at the above college and is now at home.

Mr. Fisher and his wife both belong to the Congregational church, of which he has been a member at Nashua, Manchester, and Boscawen for thirty-eight years; and he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for three years.

DANIEL GILMAN CHESLEY, one of the largest land-owners of Epsom, Merrimack County, was born upon the farm he now occupies, July 2, 1837, son of John and Joanna (Tibbetts) Chesley. The Chesley family is believed to be of English origin; and the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch was Lemuel Chesley, who resided in Lee, N.H.

His son, John Chesley, Sr., grandfather of Daniel Gilman, was born in Lee. When a young man he went to Chichester, N.H., where he learned blacksmithing of James Blake. After his marriage he settled in

Epsom and continued to work at his trade for some time. He also followed agricultural pursuits quite extensively in this town, and kept a hotel. He died at the age of sixty years. He married Betsey Blake, sister of James Blake, with whom he served his apprenticeship. Betsey Blake was a daughter of Samuel Blake, one of the first settlers of Epsom, who purchased from the Indians a large tract of land near the centre of the town for the paltry sum of ten shillings, and turned in his jack-knife for one shilling of that sum. Samuel Blake, generally called Sergeant Blake, came to Epsom at the age of fifteen; and several years later his father, Lieutenant Blake, moved into town. In the early days the frontier settlers were kept in a state of almost continual alarm by the incursions of the Indians, whose ferocity and cruelty were doubtless very much averted by friendly conciliating conduct on the part of the white inhabitants toward them. This was particularly the case in the course pursued by Sergeant Blake. Being himself a skilful marksman and an expert hunter, evincing traits of character and abilities in their view of the highest order, he soon gained their respect; and by kind treatment he secured their friendship to such a degree that, though they had opportunities, they would not injure him even in time of war. An industrious pioneer, he cleared and improved a good farm, which is now owned by his descendants, Daniel Gilman Chesley and John Augustus Chesley. John and Betsey (Blake) Chesley had a family of six children; namely, John, Samuel M., Betsey, Jonathan S., James B., and Josiah C., none of whom are now living. The death of Mrs. Betsey B. Chesley occurred previous to that of her husband.

John Chesley, Jr., Daniel G. Chesley's father, was born in Epsom, and was a lifelong resident of this town. In his younger days he was engaged in teaching school; but he later served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, and followed it in connection with farming during his active period. He succeeded to the ownership of the Blake homestead, and resided here until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-three years and six months old. His wife, Joanna Tibbetts, whom he married August 21, 1834, was born in Madbury, N.H., daughter of Israel and Susan (Emerson) Tibbetts. Her grandfather on her mother's side, Smith Emerson, was an officer in the Revolutionary War. His wife was a Thompson. Her grandmother Tibbetts's maiden name was Joanna Fulchar. Eleven children were born to John and Joanna (Tibbetts) Chesley, and of these three are deceased; namely, Margaret Ann, Ellen Frances, and Etta Oryntha. The eight living are: Almira Blake; Daniel Gilman, the subject of this sketch; John Augustus; Lizzie Joanna; Lydia Addie; Emma Susan; Edward Monroe; and Ellen Frances. Almira Blake Chesley married Alfred Kimball, of Haverhill, Mass., and her children are: Clara Wood, Susie Clarke, Myrtle Lydia, Everett Alfred, and Arthur Russell. Lizzie J. is the wife of Warren Kimball, of Haverhill, Mass., and the mother of Alice Graham, Victor Orange, and Lizzie Wood. Lydia Addie is now Mrs. Charles W. French, of Warrensburg, Ill., and has five children — Herbert, Clara, Laura, Olive, and another whose name is unknown to the present writer. Emma Susan married Orange E. Sackett, resides in Central City, Neb., and has seven children — Lizzie Kimball, Arthur Russell, Dwight, Alton Veasey, Robert McKinley, Hazel, and Mira. Edward M. Chesley married for his first wife Flora Ayer; and by that union there was one child, Etta, who died at the age of four years. His

second wife was before marriage Ella Rugg, of Haverhill, Mass.; and the children by this union are: Charlotte F., Edward G., and Marion. Ellen F. is now the widow of Charles W. Martin, late of Pittsfield, N.H., and has no children. Margaret Ann married Daniel Yeaton, of Epsom. Mrs. Joanna T. Chesley is now residing at the homestead, and has reached the age of nearly eighty-one years. She is a member of the Congregational church.

Daniel Gilman Chesley acquired a good education in schools in his native town, in Pittsfield, and Pembroke. After completing his studies, he engaged in educational work, and taught twenty-nine (mostly winter) terms of school in Illinois and New Hampshire. He eventually settled at the homestead, where he now resides; and he devotes his time and attention to the cultivation of his farm with the same energy and perseverance which characterized his ancestors.

On November 25, 1888, Mr. Chesley married Olive Elnora Sanborn, a daughter of Nathan B. and Ruth (Cousens) Sanborn. Her father was a native of Gilmanton, N.H., the son of Jonathan T. and Hannah (Page) Sanborn; and his mother was the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Page, the latter being a cousin of Daniel Webster, and also related to the Greeley family of which Horace Greeley was a member. Ruth Ann Cousens, a native of Kennebunk, Me., was a daughter of Jeremiah M. and Eliza (Kimball) Cousens, the former a soldier in the War of 1812. Olive Elnora Sanborn was born in Thornton, N.H., where her parents, who were industrious farming people, resided for a period of twelve years, removing then to Gilmanton, where they passed the remainder of their days. Nathan B. Sanborn was identified with public affairs, and served as a Selectman in Thornton. He lived to be seventy years old, and his wife to the age of sixty-six. They had a family of seven children, of whom six are now living. Olive E. (Mrs. Chesley) was the third-born. She was educated in the schools of Gilmanton, graduated from Gilmanton Academy, and became a teacher in the public schools, teaching previous to her marriage twenty-eight terms of school in New Hampshire and Maine. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Chesley have three children: Elnora Sanborn, who was born September 1, 1889; Mabel Florence, born September 4, 1893; and John Gilman, born March 29, 1895.

In politics Mr. Chesley is a Democrat. He served as Superintendent of Schools for fifteen years, was a member of the School Board six years, was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for two years, Town Treasurer four years, and Town Clerk two years. He has also held other offices and is now Auditor. He stands high in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen, who regard him as one of the most upright, conscientious, and worthy of citizens.

WILLIAM E. WESTGATE, a leading farmer and stock-raiser of Cornish, Sullivan County, was born December 9, 1840, at Plainfield, N.H., son of Earl and Sarah Chase (Cole) Westgate. His great-grandfather, John Westgate, married Grace Church, of Tiverton, R.I., who was a descendant of Colonel Benjamin Church, famous in King Philip's War in Colonial times. They had eleven children — Betsy, John, Lydia, Earl, Priscilla, Mary, George, William, Joseph, Benjamin, and Hannah. Earl Westgate, grandfather of William E., came with his father to Plainfield in 1778, and married Elizabeth Waite, daughter of Nathaniel and Annie Swetzer, of Hubbardston, Mass.

Their children were: Elizabeth, John, Nathaniel, Anna, George, and Earl.

Earl Westgate (second) was born at Plainfield, December 17, 1808, and was educated in the town schools. After completing his education, he lived on the home farm with his father until the latter died, when he took entire charge. A very religious man, he has been a member and a Deacon of the Baptist church for more than fifty years. He has never joined any of the secret fraternities, and has never held public office, preferring rather the quiet of his own fireside to the more active life of a public man. The first of his two marriages was contracted with Sarah Chase Cole, of Plainfield, who, born November 24, 1815, died January 18, 1876. She was the mother of William E., Martha E., Edith S., Julia A., Mary E., and Daniel C. Westgate. Earl Westgate's second wife, in maidenhood Abigail M. Camp, of Hanover, is now deceased. Martha, Mr. Westgate's eldest daughter, born in Plainfield, January 9, 1842, married Freeman Holt, of Lyme, N.H., a farmer, and is now living at Plainfield. Edith S., born June 21, 1846, married Carlos D. Colby, a farmer of Plainfield, and had eight children, seven of whom are living. Julia, born August 8, 1848, died soon after leaving school. Mary, born November 1, 1852, died at the age of ten years. Daniel, born June 4, 1857, lives on the farm at Plainfield with his father, and is now Selectman of the town. He married Clara J. Stone, of Plainfield, and has two children — Mary E. and Bessie S.

William E. Westgate received his early education at Plainfield and in Kimball Union Academy. Not long after, he settled on a farm formerly owned by Mr. Bryant. He has since purchased the property, and is living there still. Mr. Westgate has been prominent in the public affairs of the town, and has been honored by his fellow-townsmen by appointment to various offices of trust and responsibility. He has been Collector of Taxes; for three years Selectman; in 1895 he was sent to the State legislature, where he served on the Committee on Labor; and he was elected County Commissioner in 1896. Mr. Westgate's farm is rich and fertile; and his buildings are commodious, of improved style, and in excellent condition. Besides carrying on general farming, he raises considerable stock.

Mr. Westgate was united in matrimony with Charlotte E. Bryant, of Cornish, daughter of Daniel and Chloe (Hildreth) Bryant. They have two children — Earle and Martha E. Earle, born May 25, 1865, after completing his education, worked on the farm for a time. He is now employed at the creamery, where he oversees the making of butter known all over the country as Hill Side Creamery Butter. He married Angie L. Chadbourne, daughter of William E. Chadbourne, of Cornish. Martha Westgate was born in Cornish, March 8, 1869, and was educated in the Cornish schools and in the high school at Windsor, from which she graduated. Afterward, becoming a very successful and popular teacher, she taught school for fifteen terms. She and her husband, Elwin W. Quimby, of Cornish, now reside with her parents. The circumstances attending the removal of Mr. Westgate and his wife from Plainfield to Cornish are vividly impressed on his mind. It was in the spring of 1862, when the snow lay five or six feet deep on the level, and was covered by a crust so solid that teams rode on it over fences and fields, without breaking through, a condition of things which lasted until the middle of April. Mr. Westgate is a Free Mason and formerly belonged to the grange. Both he and his wife are earnest members of the Baptist Church of Plainfield.

Mrs. Westgate, who has a musical taste, was organist of the church for some years both before and after her marriage.

EDWIN A. TYRRELL, a highly esteemed citizen of Hookset, Merrimack County, prominent in town affairs, has been station agent and Postmaster at Martin Depot since 1887, a continuous service of ten years in the two positions, an honorable record which speaks for itself. He was born May 15, 1851, in Paxton, Mass., a son of Jesse D. Tyrrell. His grandfather, Jesse Tyrrell, was of Massachusetts birth, but removed from that State to Vermont, settling in the town of Waterville, where he carried on general farming until his death, which occurred at a ripe old age.

Jesse D. Tyrrell was born June 2, 1825, in Bakersfield, Vt., and spent a large part of his life in that State. He learned the shoemaker's trade when young, and followed it in connection with his agricultural labors until the fall of 1863, when he enlisted in the Seventh Vermont Regiment. He died February 6, 1864, soon after being mustered into service in Brattleboro, Vt. He was a hard-working man, industrious and thrifty, as well as a patriotic citizen, and was greatly respected by all with whom he had dealings. His wife, formerly Mary Ann Tyler, survived him but three years, passing to the life eternal January 6, 1867. Both were deeply religious, and were active members of the Methodist church. Of the five children born of their union but two are now living, as follows: Alfred H., born in Princeton, Mass., December 5, 1849, who married Ellen Prouty, of Paxton, Mass., and has two children — Mabel and Ella; and Edwin A., the special subject of this personal sketch.

Edwin A. Tyrrell was but two years of age when his parents removed to Cambridge, Vt., where he first attended school. After completing his education at Troy, Vt., he, by the death of his parents having been left dependent in a large measure on his own resources, went to Manchester, N.H., where he obtained a situation in the Manchester mill. Proving himself able and faithful in every position in which he was placed, he retained his connection with the mill for eighteen years, being second hand in the harness shop when he left. On September 1, 1887, Mr. Tyrrell located in Hookset, having accepted the position of station agent at Martin Depot; and during the same year, under President Cleveland's administration, he received the appointment of Postmaster. During his residence in Hookset he has been prominently identified with the best interests of the place, and has served in important offices, having been Supervisor in 1890 and 1891, and ever since that time a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is also a member of the Board of Trade of Hookset; and he was appointed Justice of the Peace for this county by Governor Ramsdell in February, 1897. Fraternally, he is an active member of Wildy Lodge, No. 45, I. O. O. F., of Manchester, N.H., in which he served one term as Outside Guardian.

On May 2, 1871, Mr. Tyrrell was united in marriage with Miss Junia A. Ela, of Hookset, who was a woman of fine character, much beloved by all who knew her, and a faithful member of the Methodist church. She died May 16, 1885, leaving three children, the following being their record: Leona O., born February 19, 1875, resides in Hookset, N.H.; Arthur J., who was born September 21, 1876, is connected with the passenger department of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and resides in Concord, N.H.; and Wesley E.,

born August 31, 1879, is a resident of Hookset. On December 24, 1885, Mr. Tyrrell was married to Miss Augusta R. Hatch, a daughter of Deacon Samuel Hatch, of Malden, Mass. She was born in Derry, N.H., December 25, 1852. At one time she was a member of the Second Advent church in Manchester; but she withdrew from that, and at present is not connected with any church. A devoted wife, Mrs. Tyrrell has been a kind and loving mother to the children left to her care, and is loved and respected by them all.

SYLVANUS W. BRYANT, of Cornish Flat, was born in the town of Cornish, October 23, 1839, son of Sylvanus W. and Sophia (Woodward) Bryant. He comes of a robust, tenacious, and progressive family, representatives of which fought in the French and Indian War, were officers in the Continental army under Washington, and have attained distinction in politics, the army and navy, the learned professions, and the arts and sciences. Among these none have been more widely known and beloved than New England's poet of nature, the late William Cullen Bryant.

Sylvanus W. Bryant traces his genealogy to Stephen Bryant, who came from the west of England in 1643, and settled in the Plymouth Colony at Duxbury, Mass. He married Abigail Shaw, who was born in England, and came to this country with her father, John Shaw, in 1632. William Cullen Bryant belonged to the sixth generation descended from Stephen. Lieutenant John Bryant married the daughter of Stephen Bryant at Plymouth on November 23, 1665. Nothing is known of him prior to that date. His children numbered seven. Samuel, the fourth son, married Joanna Cole, and had seven children, four of whom were born in Plymouth and three in the adjoining town of Plympton. Samuel, Jr., the eldest child, married Tabitha, daughter of Deacon Joseph Ford, of Pembroke, Mass.; and eleven children were born to them. Sylvanus, the fourth child of Samuel, Jr., married Sarah Sears, daughter of Edward Sears, of Halifax, and had a family of six children.

Sylvanus Bryant, Jr., the third child of his parents, and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, enlisted as a private in the Continental army, rose to the rank of Captain, and did good service in the Revolutionary War. After the war he settled in Cornish, being the first of the name in this town. He married Judith, daughter of Moses Chase, and had a family of eight children. Sylvanus W. Bryant, Sr., son of Captain Bryant, and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Cornish, June 14, 1790, and died August 17, 1864. He was a man of unusual mental range, sound judgment, and of much business capacity. His wife, Sophia, was born in Plainfield, N.H., June 3, 1800, and died September 3, 1890. Their six children were: John, Sophia, Judith, George, Sarah Anne, and Sylvanus W.

Sylvanus W. Bryant, the subject of this sketch, married Sarah G. Smith, of Westminster, Vt. They have had three children, namely: Mary H., now deceased, born September 6, 1876; Jennie S., born June 28, 1879; and George H., born November 22, 1880.

HON. HOSEA W. PARKER, of Claremont, N.H., attorney and counsellor at law, was born in Lempster, Sullivan County, May 30, 1833, son of Benjamin and Olive (Nichols) Parker. His father was an esteemed citizen of Lempster, where he held many positions of trust and

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responsibility. He died in 1845, leaving three children — Emilie, Hiram, and Hosea W. Emilie L. married Ransom Beckwith (deceased), by whom she had two sons — Walter P. and Hira R., the former a graduate of Tufts College and the present superintendent of the Salem Normal School, the latter a well-known architect, residing in Claremont, N.H. Hiram Parker is a merchant of Lempster, has held different offices in the town, and has been a Representative to the legislature. He ranks among the most prosperous and enterprising farmers in the county, and has for many years been a prominent member of the State Board of Agriculture.

Hosea W. Parker acquired his early education in the district school, and at home assisted his brother on the farm until he was eighteen years old. He later attended Tubbs Union Academy, Washington, and the Green Mountain Liberal Institute, South Woodstock, Vt. Entering Tufts College in 1855, he there remained two years, and then began the study of law in the office of Burke & Waite, of Newport. While thus engaged, he taught school in Newport and elsewhere. In 1859 he was admitted to the Sullivan County bar, and began to practise in his native town; but in the fall of 1860 he removed to Claremont, where he has resided ever since. He has built up an extensive and most excellent practice, and is considered a very competent counsellor. He is strong and influential in the Supreme Court, and as a draughtsman of legal documents it is said he is not excelled in the State. His services are in constant demand wherever sound counsel and legal ability are appreciated. He was admitted to practice in the United States Circuit and District Courts in New Hampshire, and in 1873 was admitted to the Supreme Court at Washington, D.C. He has been engaged on one side or the other of almost every important case tried in the county, and as a lawyer ranks with the foremost of New Hampshire.

Mr. Parker is a Democrat in politics, and has been a prominent leader and worker in the cause of Democracy ever since he became a voter, attending county, State, and national conventions. In 1859 and 1860 he represented the town of Lempster in the New Hampshire legislature. In 1869 he was the Democratic candidate for member of Congress from the Third New Hampshire District, which had almost always been Republican; and he was defeated by Jacob Benton. In 1871 he was again a candidate, and was elected; and in 1873 he was re-elected by an increased majority. "Corruption was rife at Washington during the time of his service, but jobbery and extravagance in every form found in Mr. Parker a persistent opponent. The *Congressional Record* will show his vote recorded against every jobbery, subsidy, and plunder scheme, of whatever description, brought before Congress during his term of service, and in support of every measure calculated to promote the interests of the masses of the people, and especially in the direction of revenue reform. There and everywhere he has been earnest and outspoken in opposition to those features of the tariff laws calculated to enrich the few at the expense of the many. He was a member of the Committee on Education and Labor, and also of the Committee on Patents, rendering valuable service in both committees. It was in the Forty-third Congress, as a member of the last-named committee, that Mr. Parker rendered his constituents and the people of the entire country a service of inestimable value. It was at this time that the patents held by the great sewing-machine monoply, a combination of the leading companies entered

into for the purpose of keeping up the enormous prices of the machines, were about expiring; and a determined effort was made to secure an extension. A powerful lobby was employed, and money without stint was at its command. Every possible argument and appliance was brought to bear upon the committee to secure a report in favor of extension. Mr. Parker, with his unyielding hostility to monopoly and especial privilege in every form, was unalterably opposed to such action from the start; and it was largely through his persistent efforts that the committee finally reported against the extension by a majority of one vote, and the committee's report was sustained by the House. A reduction of nearly fifty per cent. in the price of sewing machines soon followed, a result hailed with joy in almost every family in the land."

After the close of his second Congressional term Mr. Parker was out of politics, giving his time and attention wholly to the practice of his profession until 1892, when he was nominated unanimously in convention of the Second District for member of Congress, but was defeated by a small plurality. He has been on the State Central Committee of the Democratic party for thirty years. At the session of the New Hampshire legislature in 1897 Mr. Parker was the Democratic nominee for United States Senator, and received the votes of the Democratic members. The party, however, being in the minority, he was not elected.

For five years he has been one of the Commissioners to establish free public libraries in New Hampshire, and the work has been carried on to such an extent that at the present writing nearly every town in the State has a free public library. In 1883 the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by Tufts College, and he was elected a Trustee of the college, which position he still holds. He was for ten years Trustee of the State Normal School at Plymouth, N.H. He is a member of the Southern New Hampshire Bar Association, is a prominent Free Mason, and was for over twenty years Eminent Commander of Sullivan Commandery, Knights Templar, of Claremont. In religious faith and fellowship a Universalist, for the past thirty-six years he has been superintendent of the Universalist Sunday-school; and he has been President of the United States and Canada Universalist General Convention.

He married Louvisa C. Southgate, daughter of Mark Southgate, of Bridgewater, Vt., and has one child, Lizzie S., who is one of the prominent alumnæ of Smith College, where she was graduated in 1888. She married the Rev. Lee S. McCollester, a graduate of Tufts College and Tufts Divinity School, who has also studied and travelled extensively abroad. He is now pastor of the Church of Our Father, a large and flourishing society in Detroit, Mich. His father, the Rev. S. H. McCollester, D.D., of Marlboro, N.H., is the author of valuable works of European travel.

Mr. Parker, it may be added, is a descendant of Captain Joseph Parker, and a relative of the late Rev. Dr. A. A. Miner, a distinguished divine of the Universalist faith, who was born in Lempster, and long a favorite among the church-goers of Boston, Mass. Mr. Parker, it has been well said, is "a citizen eminently public-spirited, heartily supporting all schemes of local improvement. He is liberal to a fault, and never hesitates to contribute to any object for which his aid is sought, unless convinced that there is sham and hypocrisy. For hypocrites and pretenders, whether in politics or religion, in public or in private, in business or in social life, he has a thorough and ardent contempt. In his in-

tercourse with men he bestows the same consideration upon the poorest and humblest as upon the rich and exalted."

WILLIAM SHAW, a farmer of Pittsfield, was born here, December 25, 1833, son of Smith and Mary Jane (Garland) Shaw. The family is of Scotch origin, and descends from Joseph Shaw, its earliest known ancestor in America. The great-grandfather of William was Caleb Shaw, who was born May 9, 1718. On January 21, 1742, he married Abigail Batchelder, daughter of Deacon John Batchelder. Of their seven children John, the sixth child and second son, and grandfather of William Shaw, was born in Exeter, N.H., July 30, 1751. He learned the machinist's trade, and followed it in connection with farming. He settled in Pittsfield one hundred years ago, and a portion of his farm of two hundred acres is now owned by William Shaw. He married for his first wife Molly Folsom, daughter of John Folsom, of Exeter; and she died leaving no children. On June 19, 1785, he wedded his first wife's sister, Betty Folsom, who bore him thirteen children, all now deceased.

Smith Shaw, the seventh of his parents' children, was born in Pittsfield, August 6, 1795. His entire life was passed in his native town; and his active period was spent in the cultivation of a portion of his father's farm, which he inherited. He was widely known as an industrious and useful citizen. In politics he was a Democrat. He died at the age of seventy-six years, eight months, and eighteen days. His wife, Mary Jane, whom he married June 26, 1817, was a daughter of Amos Garland, of Ossipee, N.H. She became the mother of six children, of whom three are living — Abigail, John E., and William. Abigail was born April 22, 1820, and is the wife of Plummer Garland, of Pittsfield. John E., born February 13, 1828, married Sarah Brown, of Hampton Falls, N.H., and has two children — Ella and Josie. William Shaw's mother lived to reach the advanced age of ninety-five years, nine months, and sixteen days. Both parents were members of the Free Will Baptist church.

After working at shoemaking for a short time, William Shaw engaged in farming. He succeeded to the homestead of sixty acres, the most of which is under cultivation. He labored perseveringly for the prosperity he now enjoys. On December 25, 1870, he was united in marriage with Mary O. Foss, daughter of Simon Foss, of Alton, N.H. She died August 8, 1894, leaving no children. Mrs. Shaw was a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Shaw is also in communion with the society and one of the most highly respected residents of Pittsfield.

FRANK W. FOSTER, a leading farmer and dairyman of Hill, was born in the town of Bristol, N.H., September 20, 1859. His father, Wilson Foster, was born in Alexandria, N.H.; and Wilson's father, Joseph Foster, was a farmer well known in Bristol for many years. From Bristol Joseph removed to Merrimack, where he spent the latter part of his life, dying at the age of eighty years. His wife, in maidenhood Lydia Pattee, became the mother of nine children. Of these Wilson, the youngest son, was educated in the public schools, and followed farming in Bristol for sixteen years. He then sold his property in that town, came to Hill, and there purchased a farm, upon which he has since made substantial improvements, including the erection of a house. He mar-

ried Harriet Kelley, daughter of Alfred Kelley, of Hill; and their children are: Martha A., Ellen F., Emma, Frank W., and Hadley J. Martha is married, lives in Bristol, and has one son, Everett; Emma, now deceased, married George Ballou, and had four children — Oscar, Grace M., Herbert, and Hattie; Ellen is now Mrs. Errol Morse; Hadley married Annie Little, and has one child.

Mr. Frank Foster grew to manhood on his father's farm. Interested in farming from his youth, he adopted it as his occupation, and has prosperously followed it since. On his farm of about two hundred and fifty acres he raises large quantities of vegetables, and he pastures as fine a herd of cattle as one could wish to see. His dairy yields about fifty pounds of "gilt-edge" butter each week.

Mr. Foster married Cora B. Call, daughter of Joseph Call. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have two children — Alson F. and Ralph J. — upon whom is bestowed the most affectionate care. Both parents are members of the Christian Church of Hill, and are prominent in the grange. In politics Mr. Foster is a Democrat, and he cast his first Presidential vote for General Hancock. He is known in the community as a man of the strictest integrity, as one ready to give active support to every good cause, and a leader in benevolent and philanthropic work. He is interested in the public affairs of the town, and has served on the Board of Selectmen.

FRANK DE FORREST BAKER, a well-known farmer and lumber dealer of Plainfield, belongs to a family that came of English yeomanry stock, and has been known for centuries in England for industry, sturdiness, and reliability. The name denotes the occupation of the founder of the family. In the fifteenth century the Bakers possessed considerable property in the north of England, and were known as being thrifty, industrious, and very tenacious of their rights. In 1650 there were many of the name at Aylesbury, County of Bucks, who became followers of George Fox, the Quaker, and with him suffered imprisonment by order of Cromwell. Mr. Baker directly traces his ancestry to Jeffry Baker. Jeffry's son Joseph, who was born June 18, 1655, came to America and settled in Connecticut. Joseph's son, Joseph, Jr., born April 13, 1678, was twice married, first to Hannah Pomeroy, who had by him two sons, Joseph and Samuel. His second marriage was made with Abigail Bissell, who bore him nine children; namely, John, Hannah, Jacob, Abigail, Ebenezer, Daniel, Heman, Titus, and Abigail (second). In the third generation down was Heman, born April 27, 1719, who married Lois Gilbert, November 24, 1747. They had nine children — Heman, Anna, Deborah, John, Oliver, Abigail, Lois, Delight, and Lydia.

Oliver Baker, in the fourth generation, who was born at Tolland, Conn., October 5, 1755, and received a medical education, purchased a farm in Plainfield, on which he settled, and was thereafter engaged in the practice of his profession until his death on October 3, 1811. He was great-grandfather of Mr. Frank De Forrest Baker. Of his family of eleven sons some became physicians. Dimmick, born March 18, 1793, took up farming, and remained on the old homestead until his death. He married Hannah Colby, and had a family of five children — Elias, Hannah A., Edward D., Dr. Cyrus Baker, and Helen F. Hannah, after teaching successfully for some time, married Morrill Cutting, a prosperous farmer of Newport, now deceased. Edward D., born

April 21, 1827, read law at Enfield, N.H., with the Hon. N. W. Westgate, now of Haverhill, N.H., and later entered the law office of the Hon. H. A. Bellows, late Chief Justice of New Hampshire. He was admitted to the bar of Sullivan County in July, 1851, and opened an office at Cornish Flat, where he practised until October, 1855, when he removed to Claremont. He married Elizabeth Ticknor on November 12, 1851. Cyrus, who graduated in medicine at New York, was an army surgeon during the Civil War. He first married Martha J. Preston, who bore him one child, Alice Baker. His second wife, whose maiden name is Anna Erskins, has been the mother of four children, one of whom is living. Helen F. married Sheppard H. Cutting, a prosperous farmer of Newport, N.H., and has had three children.

Elias Baker, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born at Plainfield. After completing his education, he began his working life as a farmer, managing his father's farms, and later being associated with his father on the homestead farm, where he lived until his death. He was a man of superior intelligence and an apt student. It was his own ambition and the desire of his family to obtain a college education and prepare for a professional career, but circumstances prevented this. He married Amelia Blanchard, and had a family of three children — Elsie A., Frank D., and Charles D. Elsie, born June 16, 1848, was educated at Kimball Union Academy, and taught school very successfully until her marriage with Dr. J. H. Martin, of Lebanon, N.H. Charles D., who is a hotel man in Arizona and owns considerable property, married Margaret Desmond.

Frank De Forrest Baker was born in Plainfield, April 8, 1851. After receiving his education at the well-known Kimball Union Academy, he assisted his grandfather until the death of the latter. He then engaged in farming and lumbering, and in raising cattle for the market. At one time he conducted a livery stable. He is active and energetic. Industrious and thrifty, he has acquired quite a competency. He married Sarah Moulton Scales, who was born June 10, 1855, daughter of Henry M. and Ann J. Scales, of Meriden. Mrs. Baker's grandfather, the Rev. Jacob Scales, was settled in Plainfield for many years. She has had four children: Cleon F., born February 27, 1873, now at Hartland, Vt.; Fred H., born June 29, 1874, who died in April, 1878; Julia M., born October 31, 1879, who died in January, 1894; and Edward M., born March 21, 1881, now attending Kimball Union Academy.

Mr. Baker is a member of the local grange. He attends the Congregational church, and is a liberal supporter of all its benevolences. He has never aspired for political honors, thinking his family and his business have needed his time and attention.

WILLIAM JAMES CHANDLER, whose life was profitably spent as a farmer in Langdon and the immediate vicinity, was born March 10, 1832, in Alstead, Cheshire County, son of James, Jr., and Sophia (Tuttle) Chandler. The grandfather, James Chandler, Sr., spent his life in Alstead, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. He married, and had a large family of children. When he died, he was the oldest Mason in New Hampshire. James Chandler, Jr., born in Alstead, September 20, 1801, besides farming was also engaged in the hotel business; and he was prosperous in both. The first of his three marriages was contracted with Sophia Tuttle; his second, with her

sister Nancy; and his third, with Mary Stowell Tuttle, the widow of their brother. There were two children by the first union — William James Chandler; and a daughter that died in childhood.

William James Chandler received a good practical education in the common school. Shortly after leaving school he went to work at farming, and continued to pursue that occupation throughout the rest of his life, which was chiefly spent in Langdon. He was one who enjoyed life thoroughly, and his quick wit and humorous sayings gave pleasure to all about him. At the same time, a man of sterling worth, he was held in high esteem by his neighbors. While he did not desire or seek office, he never failed to take due interest in the welfare of his town. He died December 6, 1893, in the sixty-second year of his age. Mr. Chandler married Miss Augusta H. Mellish, who was born in Langdon, N.H., August 10, 1839, daughter of Samuel and Huldah (Lane) Mellish. No children were born to them. Since his death Mrs. Chandler has resided in Langdon.

WILLIAM B. HARTWELL, the proprietor of a thriving grocery business in Pittsfield, was born in Groton, Mass., September 5, 1833, son of Amasa and Mary (Patch) Hartwell. The paternal grandfather, also named Amasa, was a prosperous farmer of Shirley, Mass., his native town, and had sixteen children, none of whom are living. Amasa Hartwell, father of the subject of this sketch, and a native of Shirley, Mass., served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and was engaged in the manufacture of sofas in Boston and Charlestown, Mass., for five years. Subsequently he worked at his trade in the towns of Brookline, Amherst, Milford, and Nashua of this State. Finally he took up his residence in Groton, where he followed farming for the rest of his life, and died at the age of eighty-nine years. A man of excellent character, he stood high in the estimation of his neighbors. In politics he was originally a Democrat, but later he supported the Republican party. His wife, Mary, who was a native of Hollis, N.H., became the mother of four sons — Henry T. George E., William B., and Albert A. Henry T. married Lizzie Beadle, of Amesbury, Mass., who died leaving two sons—Arthur and Harry. George E. wedded Mary Dow, of Amherst, N.H., who died leaving three children — Herbert, Albert, and Mary. Albert A. married Helen F. Cummings, of Reading, Mass., and has one son — Leon A., who was born February 6, 1880. Mrs. Amasa Hartwell lived to the age of eighty years. She and her husband were members of the Baptist church.

William B. Hartwell attended the schools of Charlestown, Brookline, Mass., and Amherst, N.H. When his studies were finished, he learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it as a journeyman for a time. He then engaged in the manufacture of water pails in Amherst, and continued in that business four years. Moving to Wilton, N.H., he worked at his trade in that town for seven years, and then, in 1871, settled in Pittsfield. Here he bought a saw-mill, located upon the Suncook River, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He also continued to work at his trade at intervals until 1892, when he opened a grocery, which now has a large number of patrons. In connection with his store he operates a grist-mill, grinding a large quantity of grain and feed annually.

On April 19, 1857, Mr. Hartwell married Ann M. Vose, daughter of Samuel Vose, of

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Amherst. Mrs. Hartwell is the mother of three children — Frank H., Emma, and Charles E. Frank H. married Annie Gray, daughter of Arthur Gray, and has one son, Roland. Emma is the wife of William P. Adams, of Pittsfield, and has nine children — Samuel T., Florence, Philip B., Joseph, Ruth, Ann, Paul, Rachel, and Lydia. Charles E. married Kate Lougee, of this town, and has no children. Mr. Hartwell was for a number of years Chief of the Pittsfield Fire Department, and is still connected with it. He takes an interest in public affairs, and in politics he acts with the Republican party. He is highly esteemed both in business and social circles, and also by his brother Masons and Odd Fellows. Both he and Mrs. Hartwell are members of the Congregational church.

CARLTON HURD, a druggist of Newport, and the President of the Sugar River Savings Bank, was born in Newport, October 7, 1842, son of Isaac B. and Emaline (Dow) Hurd. Nathan Hurd, the great-grandfather, came from the State of Connecticut to Newport among the first settlers, taking land on which he passed the rest of his life. Levi, his son, was a tanner and shoemaker, and had one of the first tanneries in the town. Afterward Levi was engaged in farming and shoemaking, and he died at the age of seventy-three. His wife, Anna Bradley Hurd, was born in Haverhill, Mass. They were both members of the Congregational church.

Isaac B. Hurd, the father, born June 15, 1815, has spent his life in Newport, chiefly occupied in farming. He was a sturdy and industrious man and a good farmer. He retired from active occupation some time ago, and now lives in the village with his son. In politics he was a Republican, and he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, a native of Newport, born in January, 1816, died in January, 1892. He has three children living — Carlton, Nancy, and Elizabeth.

Brought up and educated in Newport, Carlton Hurd devoted his early life to farming. At twenty-one he engaged in the drug business for Mr. Howe. Soon after he bought out his employer, since which time he has conducted the business on his own account. Mr. Hurd has a good store, and carries a full line of drugs, also stationery and fancy goods, fine candies, and so forth. On January 3, 1872, he married Mariette Garfield, a native of Charlestown, N.H. They have no children. Mr. Hurd has liberal views in religion, and attends the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a Republican, and he represented Newport in the legislature of 1895–96. He is now a Director and the President of the Sugar River Savings Bank. Farming and lumbering, followed to some extent, are also sources of income to him. A self-made, industrious, and successful man, he is highly respected in the town.

GEORGE H. SAVAGE, now living in retirement in Henniker village, was born December 25, 1855, in Orford, Grafton County, son of John A. and Maria (Edmester) Savage. His father was born and bred in Grafton County, and his mother in Everett, Mass. When a boy of sixteen, he left home determined to make his own way in the world. Going to Massachusetts, he located in Charlestown, where he began his active career as a peddler of milk and cream. Purchasing his supplies from the large dairies of Hillsborough and Henniker, this county, he had it shipped to a distribut-

ing depot in Boston, employing several milk wagons in order to meet the demands of his extensive patronage. Three years ago, after carrying on a profitable business for twenty-two years, he came to Henniker, and purchased his present home, the J. H. Abbin estate, next to that of Colonel Cogswell.

Mr. Savage is an ardent sportsman, fond of the gun and rod, especially delighting in partridge hunting, in which he has good success. He and a friend, with the assistance of his pair of fine-bred pointers, bagged about four hundred partridge last season, that of 1896. In company with his brother, A. A. Savage, of Newtonville, another lover of the chase, he makes very successful trips annually to the Maine woods in search of deer.

Mr. Savage was married August 2, 1881, to Miss Nettie C. Clayton, daughter of William and Sarah Clayton, of Boston, Mass. She died August 31, 1895, leaving five children; namely, George, Edgar H., Bessie E., Robert W., and Ella L. He was again married on April 26, 1896, to Miss Christie B. McLane, of Belmont, Mass.

DARIUS NOYES MOULTON, one of the influential men of Plainfield, and well known throughout the county, was born here, January 26, 1838, son of Stephen R. and Sally (Noyes) Moulton. His grandfather was William Moulton, one of the first of the name to settle in this part of the country. William took up a grant of land in a part of Grantham now belonging to Plainfield, and built upon it at first a log house. By industriously following the occupation of farmer he acquired a considerable property, which later became the foundation of the wealth of the present generation of Moultons. An honest, fair-dealing man, he had the full respect of all who knew him. In religious faith he was a Methodist. By his first marriage he had two children — Judith and William. By his second marriage there were seven children, namely: William; Emery; Myrick; Samuel; Stephen; Jane; and a daughter who married Daniel Noyes, of Plaistow. William settled in business for himself in Cicero, N.Y., and was also interested in a cooperage and in farming. He accumulated considerable money, married, and raised a family of children. Myrick, who also went to Cicero, followed the trade of cooper, was engaged in agriculture, and died about two years ago. Samuel lived on the homestead nearly all his life, and was twice married. He first married Ruth Brown, of Strafford, Vt.; and she bore him three children. His second marriage was contracted with Mrs. Ford, daughter of Judge Jackson, of Cornish. After this marriage he went West with his wife to Lakeland, Minn., where he died. He was well-to-do, and had been very prominent in town affairs in Grantham and in Plainfield. He was Selectman of both towns, was a legislative Representative, Justice of the Peace, and Notary Public; and he acted as the lawyer of the district. Jane married William Wright, of Cicero, N.Y., a prosperous farmer; and she has no children.

Stephen R. Moulton, born May 8, 1805, received his education at Kimball Union Academy, and then taught school for many years. After his marriage he moved to the old homestead and stayed there for some years. He finally sold his interest in the estate to his brother Samuel, bought the Buzzel place, situated on Methodist Hill, and lived there for some nine or ten years. He then bought the Harris place and the Pool place, which together made a large farm. He carried on general farming and raised considerable cattle. In addition to this he managed a large

store for general merchandise in partnership with Mr. Morgan. Active in local affairs, he was a Selectman and legislative Representative, and was respected to a degree only second to the parish minister. He attended the Unitarian church. His wife Sally, who came from Plaistow, N.H., was born May 28, 1813. She became the mother of five children; namely, Frederick, Darius N., an infant daughter, Joseph Sidney, and Ella. All were natives of Plainfield except Frederick, who was born July 11, 1836, at Grantham, and is a popular and prosperous merchant of Lebanon. Joseph S., born April 13, 1851, is the popular pastor of the Unitarian church at Stow, Mass. Ella, born September 16, 1853, taught school for some time after her graduation from Kimball Academy, and at length married Mr. George F. Doty, of Meriden. She has two children — Lena M. and George F., Jr.

After finishing with school, Darius Noyes Moulton worked on the home farm with his father, remaining until the death of the latter. When he was twenty-one years old, his father gave him a share in the business; and together they went into stock-raising to a considerable extent. For the past twenty-five years Mr. Moulton has done a large amount of trading in farms, horses, cattle, and real estate of various kinds, besides carrying on the farm. He has become a wealthy man, and is to-day regarded as one of the solid business men of the town. He owns a number of farms, and has helped many a poor man in securing a comfortable home and a good farm. Of a generous disposition, he cannot resist an appeal for aid when his sympathies are aroused. Although constantly engaged in all sorts of transactions, he was never known to take an unfair advantage. Public-spirited to a high degree, he is interested in everything that concerns the welfare or progress of his native town. He has filled various town offices with credit to himself and in a manner worthy of the family name. Mr. Moulton attends the Unitarian church, and is a liberal benefactor not only of that church, but of all the others in the town. He has been a great traveller, having journeyed all over the United States and Canada. Since 1885 Mr. Moulton, in company with Mr. Roberts, the Town Clerk of Meriden, N.H., has owned and operated the large store owned formerly by E. E. Clark.

ARTHUR C. GRAVES, the station agent of the Boston & Maine Railroad in Henniker, was born in Andover, N.H., November 7, 1857, son of John and Ann (Clifford) Graves. He is a descendant of John Graves, who came in 1792 from Kingston, N.H., and settled on the Graves homestead in Andover. Jesse Graves, son of John and grandfather of Arthur C., occupied the farm, and died at the age of fifty-four years. The father, who was born in Andover, and succeeded to the property, was engaged in cultivating and improving the farm during the active period of his life, and died at the age of sixty-two years. His wife, Ann, was a native of Hebron, Grafton County. Their son, Wilton P. Graves, is the present proprietor of the homestead.

Arthur C. Graves began his education in New London, N.H., and later attended Tilton Seminary and Proctor Academy, where he was fitted for college. He returned to the farm, however; and, with the exception of two years spent in Massachusetts, he remained there until he was twenty-six years old. In 1884 he entered the railroad service at East Andover, learned telegraphy, and for a time was assistant operator at East Andover and Potter Place. He has been station agent at Henni-

ker since 1885, and now superintends the business of several trains per day. He is also express agent, and has an assistant. In politics he is a Democrat, although he supported Palmer and Buckner in the last national campaign. He has been a delegate to party conventions, and has served as Town Treasurer, Supervisor, and a Trustee of the Free Library Association for two years. He is well versed in scientific subjects and in those of general interest.

On September 6, 1885, Mr. Graves was united in marriage with Ida J. Prince, of Salisbury, N.H. She was born in Orange, N.H., daughter of David S. Prince, who is now a well-known resident of Salisbury. She was a schoolmate of her husband, and previous to her marriage was engaged in teaching. Mr. Graves is connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and for two years he was Master of Bear Hill Grange, of Henniker. Mrs. Graves attends the Congregational church.

EBENEZER B. SARGENT, one of the best known farmers of Pittsfield and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Loudon, N.H., April 11, 1821, son of Ebenezer and Annie (Batchelder) Sargent. Benjamin Sargent, the father of Ebenezer, served as a scout under General Washington during the Revolutionary War, and later became a Baptist minister. He preached in Pittsfield from 1808 to 1819, and died at the age of fifty-eight years. The maiden name of his wife was Eunice Lindell. Of their seven children who reached maturity Ebenezer, the second son, was born in Bow, N.H., in 1789. He learned the carpenter's trade in Pittsfield, and followed it in Pittsfield, Loudon, and Epsom until he was fifty years old. The remainder of his life was passed in farming, and he died in Pittsfield at the age of seventy-five years. Originally a Whig in politics, he later joined the Free Soil party. His wife reached the age of eighty-eight. Both were members of the Baptist church.

Ebenezer B. Sargent passed his early boyhood in Loudon and Epsom, and was educated in the schools of Pittsfield. He subsequently learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked for many years in this town. After the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted as a private in the First New Hampshire Artillery, and in the service was detached from his regiment and placed on duty in the Maryland Hospital at Camp Sumner, where he was until the close of the war. After his return to Pittsfield he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He owns a farm of thirty acres, and has cultivated his property successfully since relinquishing his former calling. In politics he is a Republican. He receives a pension for his services in the war; and he is a comrade of Post W. K. Cobb, No. 29, G. A. R., of Pittsfield. He is a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

On October 9, 1849, Mr. Sargent married Abigail Philbrick, of Epsom. She was the mother of nine children, of whom there are living — Almira M., Abbie F., Charles C., and Mary E. Abbie F. is the wife of Edwin C. Emerson, of Pittsfield; and her children are: Winnifred R., Hattie B., Eva M., and Abbie B. Charles C. married Edith L. Knowlton, of this town, and has a family of five children — Grace E., Lew G., Ralph L., Charles R., and Edith P. Mary E. successively married Charles H. Whipple and Clarence Huntoon, and has one son by her first union, Ralph C. Mrs. Ebenezer B. Sargent died at the age of sixty-five years. She was a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

GEORGE CHASE FREEMAN, one of the best known dairy farmers and cattle breeders in Plainfield, was born in Cornish, N.H., August 26, 1819, son of Cyrus and Sarah (Dow) Freeman. The grandfather, Daniel Freeman, who was a native of Connecticut, moved his family to Plainfield, where he engaged in farming. He also kept a hotel in Lebanon, N.H., for a number of years. The maiden name of his first wife was Dow. That of his second wife is unknown. His children were: Cyrus, Daniel, Benjamin, Joseph, Deborah, and Mercy. Benjamin, who was a farmer, married Eudocia Childs, and reared a family; Joseph, who resided upon a farm in Plainfield, married Polly Johnson, and had one child; Deborah became Mrs. Chase, and reared a family; Mercy died in infancy.

Cyrus Freeman, father of George C., accompanied his parents from Connecticut, and was reared upon a farm in Plainfield. He tilled the soil industriously and with success during the active period of his life, devoting his entire attention to the cultivation and improvement of his farm. His first wife, a native of Cornish, whose maiden name was Persis Chase, had no children. His second marriage was contracted with Sarah Dow, who was born in Salisbury, N.H., in 1778, daughter of Jeremiah Dow. She bore him eight children; namely, John T., Sarah, Persis, Forest, Susan, Daniel D., Tamesin K., and George C. John T. married for his first wife Ursula Chase, of Cornish, who bore him three children. His second wife was a lady of Plainfield, whose maiden name was Durenda Penniman. His third marriage united him to Sarah Wyman, of Cornish. Sarah, born in 1800, died in 1826. Persis married Benjamin L. Fuller, a prosperous farmer and hotel-keeper of this town, and had five children, of whom four are living. Forest, who engaged in farming, married Nancy Penniman, of Windsor, Vt., and reared a family. Susan became the wife of Enos Spaulding, a blacksmith of Plainfield, and has a family. Daniel D., who was a farmer, wedded Mary Marcy, and reared children. Tamesin K. married Isaac C. Harroun, of Barre, Vt., a blacksmith by trade, and had children. Mrs. Cyrus Freeman lived to be eighty-two years old, and died in 1860.

George Chase Freeman acquired his education in the schools of Plainfield and Cornish. After finishing his studies, he assisted his father upon the homestead farm. He later bought of his brother-in-law, Benjamin L. Fuller, the farm upon which he now resides. This property, containing nearly four hundred acres of land located upon the banks of the Connecticut River, occupies an eminence overlooking the valley. Besides carrying on general farming and dairying, Mr. Freeman has been an extensive breeder of cattle, sheep, and horses. His son is now in partnership with him. They have some excellent Durham cows, six fine horses of noted pedigree, among which is a mare that last fall made a record of 2.17.

Mr. Freeman married Sarah Ward, who was born June 19, 1824, in Marlboro, daughter of William Ward. She has had four children, namely: Frances R., born March 7, 1846; William W., born June 29, 1848; Nellie May, born June 25, 1855; and Elizabeth Marion, born December 20, 1863. Frances R. married the Rev. R. C. Bell, of Connecticut, and had three children. William W. completed his education at the Kimball Union Academy, and has been of valuable assistance to his father in managing the farm. He possesses a practical knowledge of all branches of agriculture, and has acquired a

wide reputation as a breeder of fine cattle and horses. Nellie May is the wife of Samuel P. Wood, a wealthy resident of Lebanon, N.H., and has two children. Elizabeth Marion, who attended the Kimball Union Academy, and subsequently graduated from Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., married George F. Chandler, a native of Strafford, Vt., and has one child. Her husband is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and is now engaged in farming upon scientific principles.

Mr. Freeman is one of the most prominent residents of Plainfield. His strict adherence to high principles has gained for him a warm place in the hearts of his neighbors and fellow-townsmen. Although he takes a deep interest in the general welfare of the town, he has never aspired to political honors, as his time has always been absorbed by his large farming operations.

THEODORE M. TOGUS, M.D., a well-known and skilful physician of Hookset, Merrimack County, was born in the Province of Quebec, April 21, 1853, son of Edward Togus. His grandfather, Joel Togus, who followed the trade of a carpenter in Quebec throughout his life, died at the age of sixty-four years. The father, also a native of Quebec, born in 1832, was a successful agriculturist there for many years. He married Miss Josephine Maynard, who was likewise born in Quebec; and they became the parents of eight children. Of these there are now living: Theodore M., Edward, John, Isaac, Jennie, Julia, and Mary. Edward married, and has one child, Jessie; Jennie married Oliver Bird, and has four children; Julia is the wife of Lewis Busiere, and has four children; and May is the wife of Edmund Busiere, and has five children. The mother passed away in 1872, and the father in 1887. Both were pious and active members of the Baptist church of Blackinton, Mass.

Theodore M. Togus received the larger part of his education in New England. First attending the schools of Shelburne Falls, Vt., then pursuing his studies in Concord, N.H., he graduated from the medical department of the University of Vermont at Burlington in 1886. The Doctor began the practice of his profession in the manufacturing city of Lowell, Mass. From there he went to Concord, N.H., in 1887. Subsequently he purchased the practice of Dr. Randall in Hookset, where he has since been actively employed in his professional duties. His acknowledged ability has won for him a fair share of the patronage of the place.

Dr. Togus was married December 25, 1878, to Miss Fannie Simmons, daughter of John C. and Frances Lane Simmons, of Concord, N.H. Of their four children two died in infancy. The others are: Leopold T., born November 6, 1880, at Bluffton, Minn.; and Alice M., born in Concord, N.H., June 17, 1884. In politics Dr. Togus is a Republican. Taking much interest in the affairs of the town, he has served as Supervisor, and has been a member of the Hookset School Board for the past two years. He belongs to Jewell Lodge, No. 29, F. & A. M., of Suncook; and to Friendship Lodge, No. 19, I. O. O. F., of Hookset. Born and bred in a Christian home, he has never departed from the faith that sustained his parents through life; and both he and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

PARKER PILLSBURY, a veteran of the anti-slavery movement, one of the few survivors of the earnest, intrepid band of philanthropists and reformers who for

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nearly half a century, in journeyings oft, in hardships and perils, devoted themselves to pleading the cause of the oppressed, denouncing iniquitous laws and practices, and demanding the removal of the yoke that held a race in cruel bondage, is now passing the serene sunset of a life of diligent and beneficent activity in retirement at his home in Concord, N.H. Son of Deacon Oliver and Anna (Smith) Pillsbury, and the eldest of a family of eleven children, Mr. Pillsbury was born in Hamilton, Essex County, Mass., September 22, 1809.

His father, a native of Newbury, Mass., son of Parker, first, and Sarah (Dickinson) Pillsbury, was of the sixth generation in descent from William Pillsbury, who married Deborah Crosby in Dorchester, Mass., in 1641, and afterward settled in Newbury, the line being continued as follows: William's son Moses, his grandson, Moses, Jr., and his great-grandson, Moses, third, who married Mary Parker, and was the father of Parker Pillsbury, first. Oliver Pillsbury, when four years old, was taken by his parents to West Boscawen, now Webster, N.H., and there grew to manhood. At nineteen years of age he returned to Newbury, Mass., where he learned the blacksmith's trade; and after that he completed his schooling at Dummer Academy. While there he made the acquaintance of his future wife, Anna Smith, daughter of Philemon Smith. They were married December 8, 1808, and settled in Hamilton, Mass., he working at his trade till 1814, when the hard times caused by the war with England led him to remove to a farm in Henniker, N.H., to buy which he incurred a debt of fifteen hundred dollars. With the conclusion of peace the price of farm produce fell, and to free himself from this burden cost many years of severe toil. Public-spirited and religious, a Deacon in the church, active in Sunday-school, he was earnestly interested in temperance and the abolition of slavery, and was ever ready to lend a hand to local benevolent enterprises. He died in 1857, his wife, a most estimable woman, of strong character, outliving him about twelve years, retaining her faculties to a remarkable degree at the advanced age of ninety-four. They had been bereft of three children, and were survived by eight, namely: Parker; Josiah W., father of Albert E., ex-Attorney General of Massachusetts; Gilbert; Oliver, Jr.; Eliza A.; Harriet; Mary S.; and Moses D.

Parker, the special subject of this sketch, acquired such education in his boyhood as was afforded by the district schools of Henniker, and at an early age began to help in the work of the home farm. When about twenty years old he went to live in Lynn, Mass., and was for some time thereafter employed in driving an express wagon from Lynn to Boston. Returning to Henniker, he again devoted himself to farming. Uniting with the church a year or two later, he engaged zealously in religious work; and, being urged to prepare himself for the ministry, he pursued a course of study at Gilmanton, N.H., and at the Andover Theological Seminary, "in less than four years from the reaper and the plough" was licensed to preach, and for a year, 1839–40, had charge of a parish at Loudon, N.H. In the mean time his sympathies and his strong sense of justice had been aroused in behalf of the Southern slaves, and in the spring of 1839, undertaking a short lecturing and financial agency for the Massachusetts Anti-slavery Society, he delivered his first lecture on the subject of slavery in Fitchburg, Mass. Leaving the Congregational church and pulpit in 1840, he began his "anti-slavery apostleship" in New Hampshire, his first work being to con-

duct the *Herald of Freedom* for a few months in the absence of its editor, Nathaniel P. Rogers. In the autumn he entered "the lecture field with the full resolve," as he says, "to see the overthrow of the Southern slave system or perish in the conflict." An esteemed associate of Garrison and Phillips, of Rogers and Foster, of Douglass and others, he engaged heart and soul in the greatest missionary movement of the age, denouncing the "sum of all villanies," and fearlessly reasoning of truth, righteousness, and judgment to come. A book written by Mr. Pillsbury, published in 1883, entitled "Acts of the Anti-slavery Apostles," presents a graphic series of pen pictures of a character sufficiently indicated by its title, and is a valuable contribution to the history of that thirty years of stress and storm.

The work of Mr. Pillsbury himself and the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-laborers, who knew him best, may be judged from a few citations that follow, the first from the pen of Nathaniel P. Rogers in the *Herald of Freedom* in October, 1842; the second and third from the "Life of William Lloyd Garrison," vol. iii.

"The abolitionists of the country ought to know Parker Pillsbury better than they do. I know him for all that is noble in soul and powerful in talent and eloquence. He is one of the strong men of our age."

"Could you know him and his history," wrote Wendell Phillips to Elizabeth Pease in 1853, "you would value him. Originally a wagoner, he earned enough to get educated. When just ready to be settled, the faculty of Andover Theological Seminary threatened him that they would never recommend him to a parish unless he gave up speaking in anti-slavery meetings. He chose us, and sacrificed all the benefits (worldly and pecuniary) of his hard-earned education. His course since has been worthy of this beginning."

James Russell Lowell, in his rhyming letter to the Pennsylvania *Freeman*, describing the reunited abolitionists at the Anti-slavery Bazaar in Boston in December, 1846, portrays with a few bold strokes this dauntless champion of freedom: —

> "Beyond, a crater in each eye,
> Sways brown, broad-shouldered Pillsbury,
> Who tears up words like trees by the roots,
> A Theseus in stout cowhide boots,
> The wager of eternal war
> Against the loathsome Minotaur
> To whom we sacrifice each year
> The best blood of our Athens here —
> A terrible denouncer he.
> Old Sinai burns unquenchably
> Upon his lips; he well might be a
> Hot-blazing soul from fierce Judea —
> Habakkuk, Ezra, or Hosea —
> His words burn as with iron searers."

As was inevitable, in Mr. Pillsbury's book are recorded dark and shameful passages of American history. Impressive and pleasing is the account given of the memorable convention at Nantucket in August, 1841, where Frederick Douglass made his first appearance on the anti-slavery platform, and in a speech, rising to the importance of the occasion and the dignity of his theme, wrought the crowded congregation up "almost to enchantment." Long afterward Mr. Garrison, having just passed the threescore-and-ten milestone of life's journey, wrote to Mr. Pillsbury in reply to a congratulatory letter, in which the Douglass incident had been alluded to among others. We quote but in part: —

"*Dear friend Pillsbury,* — I did not mean that a fortnight should elapse before answering your letter, the receipt of which gave me much pleasure, not only because of the stirring memories of Auld Lang Syne awakened by it, but also for its very kind and fraternal spirit. . . .

"Your coming into the field of conflict was specially timely, and displayed on your part rare moral courage and a martyr readiness to meet whatever of religious obloquy, popular derision, social outlawry, mobocratic violence, or deadly peril, might confront you as the outspoken and uncompromising advocate of immediate and unconditional emancipation. For then the aspect of things was peculiarly disheartening, a formidable schism existing in the anti-slavery ranks, and the pro-slavery elements of the country in furious commotion. But you stood at your post with the faithfulness of an Abdiel; and, whether men would hear or forbear, you did not at any time to the end of the struggle fail to speak in thunder tones in the ear of the nation, exposing its blood-guiltiness, warning it of the wrath to come, and setting forth the duty of thorough repentance and restitution. If you resorted to a ram's horn instead of a silver trumpet, it was because thus only could the walls of our slave-holding Jericho be shaken to their overthrow. . . .

"You, too, have seen of the travail of your soul, and may well be satisfied. *Laus Deo.*

"WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON."

Of the prominent workers in the anti-slavery conflict only two besides Mr. Pillsbury now (1897) survive; namely, the Rev. Samuel May and Charles K. Whipple. Mr. Pillsbury, it may be mentioned, was one of the trustees, with absolute discretion, to whom Mr. Charles F. Hovey, a merchant of Boston, dying in 1859, left forty thousand dollars to be used in behalf of anti slavery, woman's rights, and other reforms dear to his heart. Much to the regret of Mr. Pillsbury, owing to the exigencies of the Civil War and the pressing needs of the colored race during that period the whole amount was expended before any of it could be devoted to the interests of international peace, of which he has long been a stanch advocate. Since the close of the war Mr. Pillsbury, by voice and pen, has also labored valiantly in behalf of temperance and woman suffrage, publishing and circulating over fifteen thousand tracts devoted to his favorite reforms. Disbelieving in government by force, he belongs to no political party, and he never votes.

From his boyhood up, the home life of Mr. Pillsbury has been a happy one, the domestic atmosphere cheerful and invigorating, of New England's best type. On January 1, 1840, he was united in marriage with Sarah H. Sargent, daughter of Dr. John L. and Sally (Wilkins) Sargent, of Concord, N.H. Mrs. Pillsbury was born in Loudon, Merrimack County, N.H. Her father, Dr. John L. Sargent, was born in Chester, Rockingham County, N.H. He was a very successful physician and surgeon, and had an extensive practice. Her mother, Sally Wilkins, daughter of Deacon Jonathan Wilkins, of Concord, N.H., was a woman of rare excellence of character, of refined taste and culture, being an extensive and appreciative reader.

In this connection the biographer desires to say that Mrs. Pillsbury, whose portrait rightfully appears with her husband's in this volume, was not only an ardent sympathizer with him in his anti-slavery work, but was most efficient in co-operation with him. It was hers to keep the domestic fire burning while he was away, to exercise an economy and thrift unknown to the present generation, that her husband's time and means might be wholly devoted to the overthrow of slavery. This wife gave her husband the encouraging word when he left the home, and bade him God-speed with a cheery voice, when her heart was sad as the grave; for she knew that her be-

loved husband was liable any day to be trampled or beaten to death by an angry mob, and his mangled form hurled with a slur across the hearthstone, or perchance an assassin's bullet would destroy the life that was her very soul. What ostracism she underwent in social life! She withdrew from the church in which her life was inwrought rather than partake of the sacred emblems from the hand of a minister who sanctioned the slavery of human beings. How her soul ached with that of her husband, and how sad the family circle when poor Sims was remanded from Boston's court-house to Southern slavery, and again when the hero martyr, John Brown, was legally murdered!

The writer regards it as an honor and a privilege to show in this sketch that in those days that tried men's souls there were women as well as men who toiled through dark days, and worried and wept through sleepless nights, that there might be accomplished what after years of bloodshed we witness in America to-day — perfect freedom of all God's children, without regard to color, race, sex, or sect. And so on the page of history, beside that of the anti-slavery hero and apostle, Parker Pillsbury, we place that of the heroine, Sarah H. Sargent Pillsbury, his sympathizer, helper, wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Pillsbury have always resided in this city. They have one child, a daughter, Helen Buffum, who was born June 14, 1843. She was married September 22, 1888, to Parsons Brainard Cogswell, journalist and ex-Mayor of Concord, who died October 28, 1895. Mr. Cogswell came to Concord to learn the printer's trade of George G. Fogg, who ran the *Independent Democrat*, a Free Soil paper. Having thoroughly mastered his profession, he set his heart to have a daily paper for Concord; and the *Daily Monitor* was the child of his conception. It is not too much to say that to P. Brainard Cogswell belongs the honor of Concord's *Daily Monitor*. During her married life, as ever before and after, Mrs. Cogswell has continued to make her home with her father and mother, her devotion to whom and ceaseless care for their comfort was most cordially seconded by her husband, who has left the fragrant memory of a noble manhood.

EMMET S. ROBINSON, an ex-member of the legislature and the owner of a large farm in Goshen, was born in Orange, Vt., August 2, 1859, son of Alexander and Sarah (Moore) Robinson, both natives of Plainfield, Vt. The father, who is a stone mason by trade, about the year 1862 moved to Newport, Vt., where he resided for fifteen years. From there he went to Newport, N.H.; and there he has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Robinson have reared ten children, namely: Captain Frank Robinson, who follows the sea, and is a ship-master; Henry C., who married Lucy Wing, of Newport, Vt., and is now carrying on a farm in Newport, N.H.; Herman A., a wood-worker in Newport, N.H.; Alson, who married Mrs. Clara True, and is now a carpenter in Tewksbury, Mass.; Emmet S., the subject of this sketch; Ella J., who lives in Newport, N.H.; Philip, who for many years has been connected with the National Library in Washington, D.C.; Leander, a railroad engineer in Canada; Ernest, a carpenter in Newport, N.H.; and Abbie, who resides at home.

Having acquired an education in the common schools, Emmet S. Robinson began to work for his living. After following different occupations for a time, he finally settled upon

the Parker farm in Goshen, where he now resides. He owns about four hundred and fifty acres of land, the tillage portion of which he devotes to general farming and dairying; and he sells considerable milk.

On March 9, 1881, Mr. Robinson was united in marriage with Marietta Parker. She was born in this town, August 12, 1839, daughter of Jonas and Zeroyda (Chase) Parker, natives respectively of Lempster and Unity. Jonas Parker was for many years a prosperous farmer in Goshen. Both parents are now deceased. Mr. Robinson is a firm supporter of the Republican party, and has rendered in an able manner his share of service to the town. He served upon the Board of Selectmen for several years, and was elected to the legislature in 1895. Much interested in agricultural questions, he is connected with Sunapee Mountain Grange, No. 144, Patrons of Husbandry, in Mill Village. Mr. Robinson is one of Goshen's representative men.

JOHN FRAZIER, a well-known farmer of Danbury, Merrimack County, N.H., was born in Salisbury, January 16, 1836, son of John C. and Alice (Eastman) Frazier, of that place.

His paternal grandfather, Benjamin Frazier, was one of the pioneers of Kearsarge Mountain. His ancestors, it is said, were of Scotch-Irish descent. Born on July 21, 1767, he went to Deerfield when a child; and after his marriage to Mary Philbrick he removed, in 1790, to Salisbury. Here he cleared at first an acre of land and built a log house, and as time went on became a very thrifty farmer and owner of considerable land which had been cleared by his own efforts. Game was abundant in those days; and, Grandfather Frazier being a skilful huntsman, the family larder was kept well filled with venison and bear steak. One section of his farm was called Bear Wold, because of the number of bears killed there. The Frazier house was always a resort for the neighboring farmers and their families whenever a good time was wanted. Benjamin Frazier died on June 12, 1820.

John C. Frazier, son of Benjamin, removed from Salisbury to Danbury in 1836, shortly after the birth of his son John. Here he built a fine group of buildings and remained during the rest of his life, dying on November 25, 1886. He served in the legislature for two terms, one of them being the famous Constitutional Convention term. He was the father of three sons, the second of whom, named Moses, died April 19, 1896. Mr. Frank P. Frazier, the third son, a resident of Evanston, Ill., is a member of the firm of Bartlett, Frazier & Co., of Chicago, Ill., and does an extensive grain business in the West. He married Clara Duff, of Peoria, Ill., and has one son.

Mr. John Frazier, of Danbury, is the eldest son. After leaving school, he worked for a time on a farm and later as a fireman on the railroad. In 1869 he went to Toledo, Ohio, where he remained for five years as engineer on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, running between Toledo and Elkhart, Toledo and Cleveland, and between Toledo and Detroit. Coming East again, Mr. Frazier was engineer for some time on the O. C. R. R. Later he settled on the farm where he now resides. He built a new barn in 1891.

Mr. Frazier's first wife was Mary O. Frazier, and two sons were born of this marriage: James H., who is now deceased; and Samuel M. The second wife was Miss Ida L. Brown, of Concord, N.H. Mr. Frazier was a member of the Constitutional Convention, and has been Selectman of Danbury. He has always voted

the Democratic ticket, and is a solid supporter of the platform of the gold Democrats. His first Presidential vote was cast in 1860 for Stephen A. Douglas.

ANDREW J. ABBOTT, a prosperous farmer of West Concord and an ex-member of its Board of Selectmen, was born in the house he now occupies, December 19, 1856, son of Simeon and Mary (Farnum) Abbott. The Abbott homestead, which has been owned by the family for five generations, was bought in 1754 by James Abbott from one of the original proprietors of Concord. James Abbott, who was a native of Andover, Mass., moved from there with his family to this land, and proceeded to clear and improve it. In 1760 he erected a frame house, which is still in use. He was succeeded by his son, Amos Abbott (first), who left the property to his son, Amos Abbott (second), who was grandfather of Andrew J., and served as a Corporal in the Revolutionary War. The maiden name of the grandfather's wife was Judith Morse.

Simeon Abbott, after receiving his elementary education in the district schools of this town, subsequently pursued a higher course in a school of Meredith, N.H. He then taught school for several winter terms, and he conducted the homestead farm during his active period. His natural ability and energy brought him into prominence in affairs, and he served as a Selectman and as Representative to the legislature. He died at the age of eighty-seven years and six months. His wife, Mary, daughter of Simeon Farnum, who represented a highly reputable family of this city, became the mother of ten children — Amos S., Rebecca C., Mary S., Abiel C., Calvin F., Stephen F., Louise G., Clara A., Mattie W., and Andrew J. Calvin F., Stephen F., and Mattie W. are no longer living. Amos S., who is residing in Concord, married Hattie Williams, and has two children — Hattie P. and Otis A. Mary S. married Fred G. Chandler, of Penacook, and has one daughter, Annie M. Abiel C., who lives in this city, wedded Mary Francis, and has two children — James F. and Rebecca F. Louise G. married George Capen, lives at Omaha, Neb., and has seven children — Albert G., Simeon A., Stephen F., Mary L., George H., Edwin L., and Susan S.

Andrew J. Abbott acquired a district-school education, and at an early age applied himself to the regular farm duties at the homestead. Having succeeded to its ownership, he has since carried on general farming there with success. His crops are always large and of a superior quality, and he is regarded as one of the most practical farmers in his neighborhood. Actively interested in local affairs, he has displayed a determination to faithfully guard the general interests of the community. Politically, he is a Republican; and he cast his first vote for James A. Garfield in 1880.

WILLIAM BRECK was a prominent and wealthy resident of Claremont in his time. Born in Croydon, N.H., December 17, 1826, he was a son of Henry and Keziah (Marsh) Breck. The grandfather, William Breck, who was born in Boston, Mass., May 11, 1745, was a merchant in that city until 1792, when he came to West Claremont. Here he bought a farm of a Mr. Dickinson, the deed of which bears the date May 3, 1792; and he resided on the estate for the rest of his life. He was a business man of unsullied integrity, and while residing in Boston he held several responsible positions.

He died November 22, 1819. On July 11, 1771, he wedded Margaret Thomas, daughter of Dr. William Thomas, of Plymouth, Mass. She died February 4, 1820. Her children were: William, born February 5, 1775; Peggy, who died aged one year; Peggy (second), born April 2, 1778, who died in August, 1833; John T., born March 14, 1779, who died in 1816; James, born May 8, 1780, who died October 15, 1871; Nancy, born October 3, 1781, who died March 1, 1858; Harriet, born September 15, 1782, who died June 30, 1836; Henry, born February 26, 1786; and Hannah, born April 7, 1787, who died August 22, 1858. William became a sea captain, and acquired a fortune. His last days were passed in retirement at the homestead in West Claremont, where he lived as a country gentleman, and died April 13, 1848.

Henry Breck, who was born in Boston, accompanied his parents to Claremont. When a young man he settled in Croydon, and there kept a store. Later he opened a branch store in Cornish, N.H. Subsequently he disposed of his business in Croydon. He continued to carry on the Cornish store until 1848. After the death of his brother William he returned to the homestead and resided there until his death, which occurred July 10, 1872. Keziah Marsh Breck, his first wife, who was a native of Croydon, died June 29, 1826. On October 4, 1827, he married for his second wife Sarah Towne. She survived him, and died June 22, 1889. His children by his first wife were: John Thomas, who lives in Lebanon, N.H.; Henry, who lives in Newton, Mass.; Robert, who died in Springfield, Mass., July 25, 1825; and William, the subject of this sketch. Those by his second union were: Sarah Ann, who married Reuben B. Ellis, and resided in Claremont; Samuel, a resident of Springfield, Mass.; Edward W., who is residing in Helena, Mont.; Charles P., who wedded Mary, daughter of Stephen Roberts, of Medford, Mass., and now owns the homestead; and Ella M. Breck.

William Breck completed his education at the Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H. He went to reside in Cornish when fourteen years old, and was Assistant Postmaster there from 1844 to 1846. He had been engaged in business with his brother John in Cornish for about four years when he was obliged to withdraw on account of a severe attack of asthma. In 1852 he went to California in search of health, and during his eight years' residence in that State he engaged in several business enterprises, which in a short time tripled his investments. In 1860 he returned home much improved in health. He retained some of his interests in California, which yielded a handsome income during the war. Though not actively engaged in business after his return to Claremont, he invested in various enterprises. For several years he was a Director of the Claremont National Bank, of Sullivan's Savings Institution, and of the Sugar River Paper Mill Company. He was a member of the New Hampshire legislature in 1884 and 1885.

On October 7, 1868, Mr. Breck was united in marriage with Susan L. Farwell. She was born in Claremont, May 27, 1841, daughter of George N. and Sarah A. (McDonald) Farwell. George N. Farwell, one of the thirteen children of Nicholas and Susan (Corey) Farwell, was born in Claremont, February 18, 1804. At an early age he learned shoemaking, and later became the proprietor of a shoe factory, employing one hundred hands. He acquired influence in business circles; was one of the organizers of the Claremont Bank, of which he was President for some time; and he was the first Treasurer of Sullivan's Savings Institu-

tion. He was a liberal, public-spirited man. He erected several buildings in this town. His record was that of a liberal, public-spirited man. For over fifty years he was a leading member of the Congregational church. His wife, whom he married December 25, 1827, was a daughter of Lewis and Rhoda (Rathbone) McDonald. She reared three children — James H., John L., and Susan L. Mr. and Mrs. Breck had one daughter, Sarah McDonald. Mr. Breck died at his home in this town, November 10, 1889.

WILLIAM HALL, a retired merchant of Plainfield, was born in Cornish, N.H., February 28, 1846, son of Israel and Elizabeth D. (Demming) Hall. He is a descendant of Willis Hall. His grandfather, Jonathan Hall, who was a native of Connecticut, was the first of the family to ascend the river for the purpose of settling. Jonathan, who was an extensive farmer, married Mercy Cady; and his children were: Israel, Sophia, Alfred, and Susan, all of whom were born in Windsor, Vt. Sophia married Sullivan Blood, of Windsor, and with her husband made the journey from Vermont to Missouri by horse and chaise. Sullivan Blood was for some years captain of steamboats of the Mississippi River. Afterward he settled in St. Louis, where he became prominent in the real estate business. The owner of many slaves at one time, he liberated them previous to the Rebellion. In politics he was a stanch Republican. He died a millionaire, and two of his four children are living. Susan always remained at home and cared for her mother, who in her later years suffered the loss of her sight. Alfred succeeded to the homestead, and always resided in Windsor. A leading business man, he was President of the Windsor Savings Bank and of the Bridge Company. He was also prominent in public affairs. He married Catharine Morgan, daughter of Captain Morgan, of Windsor, and had a family of five sons and one daughter, to whom he left a large estate.

Israel Hall, William Hall's father, was born in 1792. When a young man he associated himself with a Mr. Marcy, and carried on a general mercantile business in Cornish, N.H., for a number of years. Selling out then to his partner, he engaged in the hotel business in Cornish, and conducted it for some time. He finally became a man of affairs, and his time was occupied in attending to his various enterprises. He settled estates and acted as trustee, and was guardian for minors and persons not competent to take care of property. At one time he was President of the Windsor Savings Bank and of the Bridge Company. He also carried on a farm. Prominent in politics, he served as a Selectman until forced to decline further nomination, represented Cornish in the legislature, was Postmaster for several years, and he acted as a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public. He attended the Episcopal church, sang in its choir, and generously contributed to its support. He was a natural musician, and for some years played a bass-viol in church. When sixty years old he purchased a seraphine for the use of the church. As the party selected to play it was unable to do so, he took a few lessons on the instrument and played it himself. Israel Hall died October 29, 1863, aged seventy-one years, leaving a large amount of property to his family. Having stood high in the community as an honest, upright business man and a faithful public servant, his descendants have every reason to look upon his record with pride. The first of his three marriages was contracted with Mary

Chase, and the second with Sarah Chase, both of whom were daughters of Israel Chase, of Cornish. On the third occasion he was united to Elizabeth D. Demming, daughter of William Demming, a prosperous farmer of Cornish. The children of this marriage, all born in Cornish, were: Charles, Israel D., William, Edward, and George. Charles died in infancy. George died February 13, 1863, aged eleven years. Israel D., born May 17, 1843, who completed his studies at the Windsor High School, and then took a course at Eastman's Business College in Concord, is now carrying on a large general store in Claremont, N.H., is connected with other enterprises, and is President of the Bridge Company in Windsor. He has represented Claremont in the legislature, has served upon the School Board for a number of years, is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and attends the Congregational church. He married M. Belle Redfield, daughter of S. Frank Redfield, of Claremont, and has one daughter, Alice Elizabeth, who is now Mrs. Scott, of that town. Edward Hall, who was born July 3, 1849, attended the Windsor High School. Prevented by his failing sight from entering upon a business career, he engaged in farming in Plainfield for some years, and is now living in retirement. He married Emily Lewin, now deceased, who was a daughter of Erastus Lewin, of Plainfield. Mrs. Israel Hall, who lived to be sixty-seven years old, died January 22, 1875.

William Hall acquired a good education in the common schools of Cornish and in the Windsor High School. He had intended to enter Dartmouth College, and was about to graduate from the high school, when, seeing an unusually promising business opportunity open to him, he decided to embrace it. When, by the destruction of the Windsor Bridge by a flood, communication between that town and Cornish was cut off, he immediately established a general store in the latter town, and had a profitable trade until the bridge was rebuilt. He then bought a store in Plainfield, to which he moved his stock, and was in company with his brother, Israel D., for four years, when Israel retired. After carrying it on successfully for nineteen years longer he retired. He has served with ability as Town Clerk and Treasurer, and has frequently been solicited to accept other town offices, but declined.

Mr. Hall married Amanda M. Gallup, of Plainfield. She was born February 28, 1846, which is also the date of her husband's birth. Mrs. Hall is a daughter of Charles F. and Amanda M. (Kingsbury) Gallup. Her father was a leading citizen of Plainfield, and represented this town in the legislature. His wife was a daughter of Asa Kingsbury, one of the early settlers of Plainfield. The name of Kingsbury is now extinct in this town, but three grandsons of Asa Kingsbury are living, namely: Benjamin C., a mine owner in Spokane, Wash.; Byron F., a railroad station agent in Taunton, Mass.; and Charles G., the superintendent of the American Express Agency in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are the parents of three children, who were born in Plainfield, as follows: William Israel, April 14, 1868; Halliene Elizabeth, April 7, 1872; and Charles Gallup, January 9, 1880. William Israel, who completed his education at the Saxton's River Academy in Vermont, studied art and vocal culture in Boston, and is now singing at one of the large churches in Trenton, N.J.; he married Elizabeth Sprecklen, of New Jersey. After receiving her education in a private academy, Halliene Elizabeth studied music at the New England Conservatory in Boston, and graduated June

25, 1894. She has since spent some time in travelling through the United States. Charles Gallup is being educated under a private tutor.

CAPT. JACOB KNIGHT CLARK was a farmer of Hopkinton. He was born here, April 4, 1812, son of Jacob and Betsey (Huse) Clark. His grandfather, also named Jacob, came here from Newbury, Mass. The other children of his parents were: Thomas, Prudence K., Sally F., Cyrene H., and James M. Thomas, born June 6, 1810, married Judith Lull, of East Weare, and died at the age of thirty years. Prudence K., who was born August 9, 1814, died in early childhood. Sally F., born December 30, 1816, married Thomas Edwards Paige, of Weare, and died in Hopkinton, August 11, 1882. Cyrene H., born March 17, 1819, married William Plummer, resided in Henniker, and died at the age of sixty-seven years. James M., who was born May 24, 1822, went to California and died there in 1864 or 1865.

Captain Clark was a well-to-do farmer and man of affairs in his town. In 1830 he was Ensign of the Hopkinton Rifles, and he was successively promoted to the ranks of Lieutenant and Captain in 1831 and 1834. In 1848–50 he was Selectman, in 1851 he was elected State Representative, and he was Town Assessor in 1854. When he and Moses Hoyt introduced machine threshing, it was popularly thought that the machine would spoil the grain or cause a fire. Captain Clark was married July 19, 1835, to Mary, daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Burbank) Straw, of Weare, and was the father of three children — Helen M., Warren, and Ellen T. Warren Clark was born in Hopkinton, March 29, 1837, and was educated at Hopkinton Academy and at Norwich (Vt.) University. At the latter place he was Lieutenant of the Norwich Cadets. After graduating from the university in 1857, he taught military science and mathematics in Mount Pleasant Academy, Sing Sing, N.Y., and also in Randall's School for Boys in Bloomfield, N.J. He then studied law with George & Foster, of Concord, and was admitted to the bar in 1862. He lived in Hopkinton until 1863, in Henniker up to 1870, and after that time in Concord, serving in some public capacity in each place. In 1874 he was appointed Judge of Probate for Merrimack County. In Concord he was connected with the School Board for the most of his life after 1875, and he was Postmaster there after 1888. He married Fannie S., daughter of Alfred and Sophia (Worthington) Otis, of Colchester, Conn. Judge Clark died November 21, 1891.

The owner of the old Clark homestead since the death of Captain Clark, which occurred July 19, 1893, is Thomas Warren Paige, son of Thomas Edwards and Sally Felch (Clark) Paige. He was born December 13, 1853, in Lowell, Mass. There were two other sons — Orra, of Magnolia, Mass., and French, of Lowell. In 1858 the family moved to Stoneham, Mass., where in 1861 the father died. His widow died while on a visit in Hopkinton, August 11, 1882. Thomas W. Paige was married November 1, 1885, to Minnie, daughter of Gilman and Wealthy (Hoyt) Straw, of Contoocook, N.H.

GEORGE H. CILLEY, a prominent farmer of Hill, is a native of Bristol, N.H., born May 15, 1864. A son of John M. Cilley, of Andover, he is a descendant of one of the early pioneer families of that district. His great-grandfather cleared

and settled Cilley Hill, a projection of Ragged Mountain. The father, John M. Cilley, was a druggist and jeweller of Bristol, where he had a store for a number of years. He married Susan Herbert, daughter of Saunders Herbert; and the subject of this sketch is their only child. After the death of the father, the mother married Deacon Eben W. Mason, and thereafter resided on the old Mason farm until her death in 1889.

George H. Cilley has resided for some time on the Mason homestead. In his early years he served an apprenticeship at the printer's trade, and subsequently worked at the case and in the job department. On December 13, 1886, Mr. Cilley married Ida A. Currier, daughter of Charles E. and Hannah (Cilley) Currier, of Andover. They have two children — Roy C. and Leon D. Being a farmer, Mr. Cilley is, of course, a member of the grange. He has also been a Selectman of the town, and he was Chairman of the School Board for two years. He is a Republican, a Good Templar, and a member of the Christian Church of Hill.

Every one who goes to the Mason homestead is sure to admire the stately elm-tree with spreading branches which stands near the approach to the house from Hill Centre. Over a hundred years ago a gentleman visiting the place carried in his hand a small elm switch, which he stuck into the ground. The result of that simple act is the venerable tree seen there to-day, and which offers its shade to all passers-by.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS GIBSON, one of the leading violinists of America, is an honored resident of the town of Henniker, N.H., where he was born August 24, 1824, a son of John and Susannah (Hale) Gibson. The emigrant ancestor of the Gibson family was John Gibson, who was born in England in 1601, and was made a freeman in Cambridge, Mass., in 1634.

The line was then continued through the following-named progenitors: John, born in 1631; Deacon Timothy Gibson, born in 1668, who lived with Abraham Holman in Stow, Mass., and at the age of twenty-one received from him a deed of land; Captain Timothy Gibson, born in Stow, Mass., in 1702, who married in 1725 Persis Rice, and settled in Henniker in 1772; and Captain Joseph Gibson, the Professor's grandfather, born June 8, 1750, who died May 26, 1801, from injuries received by his horse stumbling and throwing him upon the pommel. For more than a quarter of a century he was one of the most prominent and influential men of this place, serving as Selectman in 1787, 1790, 1791, 1796, 1797, and 1799. On May 28, 1772, he married Olive Randall.

John Gibson, Professor Gibson's father, was born in Henniker, October 22, 1782, and died June 5, 1836, while in manhood's prime. He was married March 3, 1808, to Susannah Hale, who survived him, passing to the life beyond April 8, 1855.

Christopher C. Gibson exhibited his phenomenal musical talent at a very early age, at every opportunity seizing his father's violin for practice. This instrument Mr. John Gibson played, as thousands of others do, for his own amusement, having never received especial instruction. One of his daughters, Elvira Gibson, was a gifted musician and poetess. She was eleven years older than her brother, the subject of this sketch; and she assisted him in his musical efforts, so that at the age of five he began to pick out melodies on the violin, and could soon read music quite rapidly, making wonderful advancement considering his limited opportunities. At the age of ten

years he took lessons of Ostinelli, an Italian performer of great merit; and he was afterward a pupil of Metz, a German violinist of Lowell, Mass. When he was but twelve years old his father died, and the support of the family fell largely upon him. His sister was an invalid for years, requiring much of his care. He also had charge of a young girl named Mary J. Brown, whom he subsequently married. He spent every moment he could spare from his daily labors in the study of his chosen art; and, that he might not annoy his sick sister, he took his beloved instrument to the barn, where night after night he practised many an hour that should have been given to sleep, tired nature's sweet restorer.

He was in his fourteenth year when Ole Bull, the world-renowned artist, visited this country for the first time. Young Gibson was determined to hear him; and his desire was strongly approved and seconded by his sister, who had awakened to a realizing sense of the lad's genius. Collecting all of his cash, and taking what his sister had, he set forth one bright June morning on foot for Boston, nearly one hundred miles away. He had just purchased a pair of new shoes, which were hard and stiff, and pinched his every toe, causing him great pain; but despite his misery he continued his walk, reaching the desired Mecca the third day. In the evening he listened to the wonderful music, so weird and strange, but so smooth and beautiful that he scarce knew if he were on earth. The following night he was again an entranced listener, being borne to the seventh heaven of delight. Probably few persons on this terrestrial planet ever came nearer to realizing the sweets of Paradise than did this raw country boy that memorable evening. The two succeeding evenings he was again in the audience, and then heard two other celebrated violinists, Vieuxtemps and Artot. The great resources of the wonderful instrument were opened to him, revealing powers of which he had never dreamed. Bright and early the next morning he started on his homeward way; and, though his feet were causing him excruciating pain at every step, he walked on flowers, and his soul was expanded and filled with those celestial harmonies.

From that time on the young musician devoted himself more assiduously to his violin, and was himself surprised at the advancement he made toward its mastery. He labored hard, availed himself of every opportunity to hear the most distinguished artists, and after years of severe labor realized that he had himself become a finished artist. His first public appearance was made in the winter of 1853, in Tremont Temple, Boston, when his wonderful composition (which he learned from the feathered songsters in the pine woods near his home, catching their exact tones on his violin), entitled the "Bird Fantasia," created much enthusiasm. In 1860 Professor Gibson gave concerts in Albany, Troy, and other cities of New York, and also visited Washington, Richmond, and Charleston, being everywhere warmly received. He has since been largely occupied in concert work and teaching. He is well entitled the Ole Bull of America, and easily stands at the head of his profession in this country. He was at one time invited by Ole Bull to accompany him to his home in Norway, but his sister's long illness prevented him from going. At the World's Peace Jubilee held in Boston in 1872, he was the first violinist from New Hampshire, and the only American first violinist retained through the entire session. He became intimately acquainted with Ole Bull during one of his later visits to this country, forming a friendship for the great master that was broken only by the

latter's death. At the Tremont House in Boston, where they were together one day, Mr. Bull gave him his photograph, and a day or two later sailed from New York for his Norwegian home. Within a month after that the news was flashed across the ocean that the soul of this grand genius had gone to the realms where celestial music is chanted by the heavenly hosts.

It is not in the concert room or in the orchestra that the sweetest music from Professor Gibson's violin is heard, but in his own modest home in Henniker, where, with a few appreciative friends as listeners, he draws forth the most charming music. His violin is a rare instrument, one hundred and twenty-six years old, of a rich, powerful tone. The Professor is modest as to his own attainments, is simple of manner, and has a kind and generous heart; and he is much loved by his pupils. His violin has been a source of infinite pleasure to him and his friends, comforting him in his sorrows and cheering him across the rough places of life's pathway.

From the many deserved compliments paid to his extraordinary talent we quote the following from the New York *Musical Times* of January 10, 1860, written by its Washington correspondent concerning a concert given by C. C. Gibson in Willard's Hall: "Mr. Gibson is a great performer. For purity of tone, expression, and ease, and the skill with which he executes difficult passages, he cannot be excelled. Senators Sumner, Hale, Crittenden, Seward, and others, including many prominent men and foreign ministers, were in the audience; and every appearance of Mr. Gibson was met with hearty applause, and each number was repeatedly encored." The Boston *Saturday Evening Gazette* of February 6, 1858, says of a concert at Tremont Temple: "C. C. Gibson performed his 'Bird Waltz Fantasia' in a most masterly and scientific manner. The bird imitations were perfect. It requires genius and perseverance to reach such perfection on this king of instruments. He evidently took the audience by surprise, and was rapturously encored." The Boston *Traveller* of January 2, 1858, says: "Mr. Gibson is truly a wonderful performer. Tones more pure and beautiful we never heard, and we have heard all the great players of the day. His wizard-like performance seemed to cast a spell of enchantment over the audience, which burst into rapturous applause at the conclusion of each piece." The musical critic of the Washington *Constitution* speaks of him thus: "Professor C. C. Gibson is not only a scientific performer, but the genius of his nature is such that when he alights upon a theme to which his delicate sensibilities respond he seems to evince an inspiration of soul capable of expression only."

Some years ago Professor Gibson suffered a severe attack of spinal meningitis, which confined him to his room, and much of his time to his bed, for two years. Since that time his work has been largely confined to private instruction, his pupils including some of the brightest violinists of the country.

CYRUS RUNNELS, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Concord, was born at Mast Yard in 1832, son of Samuel Runnels. His grandfather, Samuel Runnels, Sr., a native of Boxford, Mass., came early to New Hampshire, where he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres, and spent the latter part of his life occupied in farming. He was a land surveyor, and assisted greatly in laying out roads and lots in his day. He was also one of the Home Guard of the War of 1812. At his

death he was sixty-six years old. With his wife, Anna Hardy Runnels, he reared four children — Samuel, Lois, Priscilla, and Anna, all of whom have now passed away. Samuel Runnels, Jr., was educated in the district schools and became a farmer. He secured land, and built the house now occupied by his son. He died in 1864, aged sixty-eight. His wife was Anner Abbot Runnels, a daughter of Ezra Abbot, of the old Abbot family of this place. She was the mother of seven children, of whom two died young. The others are: Cyrus, Louisa J., Emily, Almira, and Anner A.

After Cyrus Runnels received his elementary education in the district schools, he pursued higher courses at the Hancock Literary and Scientific School, at Penacook Academy, at Hopkinton, and at Professor Hall Roberts's select school in Concord. He also graduated in the class of 1855 of the Chandler Scientific School of Hanover. In early life Mr. Runnels taught school for four winters in New Hampshire and later for one winter in Iowa. He worked at his profession of civil engineering in Iowa for nine years, doing local service in 1862 at the Adjutant-general's office in Clinton of that State. In 1864 Mr. Runnels returned to New Hampshire and took the farm, but still continued to carry on his work of surveying. He became at once identified with the social and civil interests of the town. He has been for six years Assessor, for three years Selectman, for three years a member of the Council, and he has been a Justice of the Peace for more than ten years.

During his residence in Iowa, Mr. Runnels was a member of the Presbyterian church, serving the society as a Deacon and Elder. Since his return to New Hampshire he has joined the West Congregational Church of Concord, and is one of its Deacons. In politics he is a Republican, and he cast his first Presidential vote for General Grant in 1868.

MOSES A. CRAGIN, of Lempster, a veteran of the Civil War and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Rindge, N.H., December 13, 1823, son of Moses and Sarah (Chamberlain) Cragin. His father, who was born in Rindge in the year 1800, and spent the greater part of his life in his native town, was for some years engaged in peddling. He afterward removed from Rindge to Alstead, N.H., and later to Marlow, where he was engaged in the wooden-ware business. He died April 5, 1864. His first wife, Sarah Chamberlain Cragin, was a native of New Ipswich, N.H. After her death he successively married Eleanor Walton, of Temple, N.H., and Fanny Bidwell, of Langdon. By his first union there were six children, namely: Moses A., the subject of this sketch; a child who died in infancy; Newton B.; Elvira; Edward; and Lucius. Lucius died in 1853, aged eighteen years. Newton B. Cragin, who is a retired fruit-grower and resides in Worcester, Mass., married Sarah Monroe, of Marlow; and their daughter, Alice Estella, is now the wife of Fred Hathern, of Worcester. Elvira married John Q. Priest, now living in retirement at Westboro, Mass. Edward, who is a railroad engineer and lives in Ohio, wedded Martha Peither.

Moses A. Cragin attended the district school until he was nine years old. On reaching his majority, he then located in Gardner, Mass. Some time after his marriage he moved to Marlow, where he followed the blacksmith's trade for five years. Then he engaged in the wooden-ware business. On

September 3, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company A, Eighteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, and served in it until the close of the Civil War. His company was detached to act as guard for Benham's corps of engineers for a time, and also took part in the defence of Pittsburg Landing, the siege of Petersburg, and the capture of Richmond. Discharged from the service in June, 1865, he returned to Marlow and resumed the woodenware business. In 1869 he bought the Rogers place in Lempster, where he now resides. Since taking possession of the estate, he has enlarged its land area from eighty to three hundred acres, made various improvements, and carried on general farming and dairying. He is a loyal supporter of the Republican party, and he ably represented his district in the legislature in 1895 and 1896. He is a comrade of Fred H. Smith Post, No. 10, G. A. R., of Newport.

In Keene, N.H., January 25, 1853, Mr. Cragin was joined in marriage with Emeline R. Beckwith, who was born in Acworth, N.H., April 9, 1836, daughter of Stephen and Cynthia (Osgood) Beckwith. Stephen Beckwith, a native of Acworth, followed agriculture in his native town during the active period of his life, and died April 8, 1877. His wife, who was born in Pittsford, Vt., died October 19, 1889. Their children were: Ira Alonzo, who died in 1893; Emeline R., who is now Mrs. Cragin; Oliver, who resides in Marlow; Nellie C., now the widow of Henry W. Ware, who died in Hancock, N.H., in March, 1896; and Diantha, who is residing in Acworth. Mr. and Mrs. Cragin have four sons, born as follows: Lucius M., December 26, 1855; Charles A., February 20, 1858; Leslie D., September 6, 1860, who died February 19, 1862; and Fred H., December 3, 1862. Lucius M. married Flora Grimes, and is engaged in farming in Springfield, Vt. Charles A. resides at the homestead and assists in the management of the farm. On January 6, 1892, he married Annie V. Griffith, who was born August 11, 1868, daughter of George Bancroft and Anna S. (Howe) Griffith. Her father is the well-known poet of Lempster, of whom an extended account appears elsewhere in this work. Fred H., who is a butcher and meat dealer in Springfield, Vt., married Edith C. Gould, a native of Weathersfield, Vt.

ARTEMAS TERRILL BURLEIGH, who is now engaged in truck farming in Franklin, was born in this town, February 25, 1860, son of Gordon and Charlotte (Turner) Burleigh. The father, who was a native of Dorchester, N.H., accompanied his parents to Franklin when he was two years old. In early manhood he was engaged in the coal business in Boston. He subsequently returned to Franklin, and resided upon the farm now occupied by his son, Artemas T., until his death on August 10, 1891. His wife, Charlotte, who was a resident of Charlestown, Mass., became the mother of ten children, namely: Henry, who lives in Hyde Park, Mass., and is a boot and shoe dealer; Gordon, who is in the same business in Boston; Artemas T., the subject of this sketch; Robert, a medical practitioner in Rochester, N.H.; George, a jeweller in Tilton, N.H.; Lottie and Emma, who are residing in Newport, R.I.; Paul, a resident of Lawrence, Mass.; Sarah Elizabeth; Freddie, who died in infancy. Mrs. Gordon Burleigh now resides with her daughters in Newport.

Artemas Terrill Burleigh began his education in the common schools, and his advanced studies were pursued at the Agricultural and Dartmouth Colleges. After completing his

education he resided at home until he became a travelling salesman for a Boston concern dealing in hardware and agricultural implements, in which capacity he was employed for seven years. In 1889 he engaged in the dry-goods business in Tilton, N.H., and continued in trade for about three years. At the end of that time he settled upon the farm in Franklin, where he has since resided. The property contains three hundred acres of land. He carries on general farming, dairying, and market gardening.

On July 14, 1882, Mr. Burleigh was united in marriage with Inez Rice. She was born in Lowell, Mass., daughter of Edwin and Iantha (Blanchard) Rice. The father, who was a merchant, is no longer living. The mother is residing in Franklin. In politics Mr. Burleigh is a Republican. The progress he has already attained in agricultural pursuits speaks well for his energy and ability. He is a member of Belknap Lodge, No. 18, Ancient Order of United Workmen.

SAMUEL HARRIS DOW, son of Amos and Mary (Brown) Dow, was born in Hopkinton, N.H., June 10, 1818, and died at his residence at Bagley Station, Warner, Merrimack County, September 6, 1894. He had not been well for several years, having been unfortunate enough, January 17, 1889, while overseeing some work at one of his mills, to have his leg broken by a rolling log; and he had scarce recovered from that accident when he had a slight paralytic shock. Within a year after, a cancer developed on his lip, causing him great suffering for four or five years. His strong will power and determined resolution, however, kept him about until his death, which was caused by a second stroke, although he paid less attention to his business in his later days, throwing much of its responsibility upon his son.

Mr. Dow was a self-made man in the broadest sense implied by the term. His early life was spent in poverty, his father having been a cripple, with a large family to support, and needing the assistance of every child to keep the wolf from the door. Accordingly, Samuel left home when a small lad, and from that time until twenty years old earned his living as best he could, working at any honest employment. The year before attaining his majority he obtained a situation with Mr. Charles Davis, who hired him for seven months, agreeing to give him ten dollars a month. At the end of the time Mr. Davis gave him seventy-three dollars, presenting him with three dollars for his faithfulness. Hiring the Davis mill, he then sawed shingles at the rate of fifty cents per thousand and board, sawing day-times and bunching nights. The ensuing spring he began buying and manufacturing lumber, buying at first but a few trees at a time, gradually enlarging his operations; and in 1842 he had cleared above his expenses nine hundred dollars. Mr. Dow then bought one-half interest in the Nathaniel A. Davis saw-mill, mortgaging it to secure payment, and running into debt for the Charles Davis shingle-mill. He worked industriously, saved every penny possible, and four years later had both mills paid for. He continued his investments in lumber, bark, and wood until 1857, when he disposed of his buildings to W. S. Davis for nine hundred dollars, and sold his mills to Daniel Milton. In the same year he erected a residence at a cost of thirty-seven hundred dollars. During the Rebellion, when the draft came to raise the town quota for the Eleventh New Hampshire Regiment, he had just passed the age limit; but he voluntarily gave five dollars

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to each volunteer recruit, thus paying out over two hundred and fifty dollars. The Selectmen refusing to pay the town bounty, not having been so instructed by vote, he, in company with Franklin Simonds, Joshua George, Stephen Bartlett, and George Jones, signed bonds to protect the soldiers, whom the town officials subsequently paid by borrowing twenty-seven hundred dollars, which Mr. Dow had lying in the Warner Bank. When this bank suspended, he had on deposit some fourteen thousand dollars, which he invested in the First National Savings Bank of Concord, N.H.

About this time Mr. Dow purchased a large tract of wood and timber land in East Canaan, and for several years did an extensive business in getting out lumber, running mills, etc. He bought large lots of land in other localities, chiefly in Canaan and Warner, and after cutting off the timber held the land for new growth. In later years he paid a good deal of attention to his farm, on which he settled in 1879, residing there from that time on until his demise. He erected nearly all the buildings at Bagley Station, but persistently refused to have the name of the place changed to Dow, as his friends desired. He also made many other wise investments of his money, owning a store in Davisville, besides erecting three large business blocks in Concord, which are still in the possession of his heirs. He was a strong Republican in politics, but never accepted public office.

Mr. Dow was actively interested in the welfare and advancement of the town in which he lived, and, though earnestly opposed to the expenditure of the town's funds for purposes of doubtful value, was one of the foremost to push forward and aid with generous financial contributions all projects that promised to be beneficial. The late Franklin Simonds gave twenty thousand dollars as a fund, the interest to be used in defraying the expenses of a free high school in Warner, provided the town would erect a suitable building. Mr. Dow and Gilman Bean gave bonds to the amount of ten thousand dollars, Mrs. Simonds adding five thousand dollars more; and the town built a fine school-house, which cost, including the land, ten thousand dollars, Mrs. Simonds giving five thousand dollars; John Robertson, two hundred and fifty dollars; C. G. McAlpine, two hundred and fifty dollars; George Jones, two hundred and fifty dollars; Reuben Clough, thirty dollars; and others, smaller sums; Mr. Bean and Mr. Dow paying the balance, amounting to over two thousand dollars apiece.

Mr. Dow was thrice married. His first wife, Harriet C., daughter of Daniel Currier, died a few years after marriage, leaving two children, namely: Fanny C., who married Oscar L. Rand, and has two children — Shirley and Blanche E.; and Hervey S., who died October 8, 1891, at the age of forty-two years. Hervey S. Dow was for many years associated with his father in the lumber business, having personal charge of the mills in Canaan. He left a widow, whose maiden name was Bertha Barney, and three children — Edith M., Pearl E., and Florence B. Mr. Dow's second wife, Matilda Sophronia Currier, a sister of his first wife, died after a comparatively few years of wedded life, leaving no children. On July 29, 1856, Mr. Dow married Miss Emily Rand, who was born in Hopkinton, N.H., May 17, 1838. Her parents, Smith and Miriam (Goodhue) Rand, subsequently removed to Warner. Mrs. Emily R. Dow still occupies the pleasant family residence at Bagley. She has two children — Herman A. and Emily G. Herman A. Dow, who resides with his mother, succeeded his

father in the care of the farm and the lumber business. He married Stella G. Wright; and they have one child, Samuel H. Emily G. Dow is the wife of Fred H. Savory, and has two children — Fred A. and Miriam E. Savory.

THOMAS T. PENNIMAN was a well-to-do farmer and wool-grower of Plainfield. A native of this town, he was born January 19, 1823. After completing his education in the schools of Plainfield, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and assisted his father in carrying on the home farm. He eventually inherited the property, and under his energetic management it was made to yield a handsome profit. The estate, situated upon elevated ground, contains three hundred acres of land and substantial buildings, all in good repair. While he was engaged in general farming and stock-raising, he devoted his chief efforts for many years to the raising of sheep for the sake of their wool. His fine pastures afforded excellent grazing for the sheep. As he went into the business upon an extensive scale and at a time when wool-growing was one of the best paying industries, it brought him considerable wealth. His crops of hay and grain were among the best to be found in this locality, and his other farm products were of a superior quality. In politics he was a Republican; and, though his party was in the minority here, he steadfastly upheld its principles and supported its candidates. As an honorable, upright, and liberal-minded citizen he had the respect of his fellow-townsmen. He was a regular attendant of the Congregational church. His death on January 24, 1886, when he was sixty-three years old, was generally regretted in Plainfield.

Mr. Penniman wedded Mary Ann Smith, who was born in Unity, N.H., December 15, 1842. Her parents were Frederick P. and Losha W. (Morris) Smith. The father, a prosperous farmer of Claremont, was born in Unity, N.H., July 30, 1814, and the mother in Lisbon, N.H., in December, 1819. Mr. Penniman was the father of seven children, namely: Thomas, born June 19, 1871; Flora Belle, born July 5, 1872; Dorinda W., born March 21, 1874; Frederick S., born April 19, 1875; Mary Lizzie, born October 19, 1876; Henry N., born January 18, 1879; and Morris G., born February 15, 1881. Thomas, who is engaged in farming and teaming, married Mary W. Curtis, daughter of Hartley Curtis, of Cornish, and has one son, Thomas Kenneth, born March 10, 1895. Flora Belle, who was for some time a successful teacher, is now the wife of Norman C. Penniman, of Cornish. Dorinda W. is a student at the Kimball Union Academy. Frederick S. is assisting upon the farm. Mary Lizzie, Henry N., and Morris G. are residing at home. The elder children were educated at the Kimball Union Academy, Meriden; and Henry N. is now attending that institution. Mrs. Thomas T. Penniman is residing with her children at the homestead.

EPHRAIM P. GOSS, a prosperous farmer, fruit-grower, and dairyman of Henniker, was born November 27, 1844, on Pork Hill, in the northern part of this township. He is a son of Luther Goss, whose father, Ephraim Goss, when he was a young man, came here from Lancaster, Mass. Ephraim was one of the first in complying with the call to arms that resounded through the colonies after the fights at Concord and Lexington, and subsequently rendered the services of one good man in the war of indepen-

dence. On coming to Henniker, he lived for a time on the farm now owned by Mrs. Robert D. Rice. Afterward he bought the property on Pork Hill known as the old Goss homestead, now owned and occupied by one of his grandsons, where he spent his remaining years, and died August 2, 1838. His wife, Ruth Campbell Goss, a daughter of Amos and Anna Campbell, who survives him, died March 8, 1861. They had eleven children, of whom Luther was the eighth in the order of birth.

Luther Goss, born in Henniker, January 30, 1801, and brought up as a farmer, was occupied in agriculture throughout the rest of his life. After his marriage he bought a farm adjoining the parental homestead on Pork Hill, on which he subsequently resided until his death on September 22, 1865. The ancestral acres descended to Cyrus Goss, a brother of Luther Goss, whose son, Franklin Goss, now owns and occupies the estate. Luther Goss married Sallie Colby, who, after surviving him many years, passed away January 19, 1884, at the venerable age of eighty-one years. She lived on the farm some four years after the death of her husband, when she sold the property, and removed to the village with her daughter, Helen C. She was the mother of seven children, namely: Solon, who died in infancy; Lydia C., the wife of Rufus Putnam, of Contoocook; Helen C., who keeps house for her brother Ephraim; Julia M., who married Charles S. Foster, and died at the age of thirty-five years; David P., who died in infancy; Elizabeth M., who is the wife of Fitz E. Cogswell, of Concord, N.H.; and Ephraim P., the twin brother of Elizabeth, and the subject of this sketch.

Ephraim P. Goss completed his schooling at the Henniker Academy, and at the age of nineteen years began teaching, intending to pursue a professional career. His father's death occurring soon afterward, a radical change in his plans was made, his services being needed at home. He returned to the farm, which he managed until it was sold, four years later. He then worked for a time at the carpenter's trade, making his home in the village with his mother, until he established a home of his own. Since his marriage he has resided on his present farm. This property, which was originally owned by Abel Connor, and which was the lifelong home of Fayette Connor, the uncle of Mrs. Goss, is one of the most noted estates in this vicinity. Although the house has been altered in many respects, the front remains the same as when built by the original owner, nearly a century ago. Mr. Goss carries on general farming, devoting much attention to his dairy, and selling the cream. He raises a good deal of fruit, for which his farm is especially famed, and where was grown the first grafted in Henniker by Abel Connor. On June 19, 1876, Mr. Goss married Miss Sarah E. Connor, who was born in North Henniker, December 2, 1854, daughter of A. Whitney and Harriet (Spofford) Connor, and grand-daughter of Abel Connor. She died August 19, 1891, after a long and painful illness of several months, leaving one child, Julia Mabel, who is now attending the high school. Mr. Goss is a strong Republican in politics. He is active in his party, attending all the county and State conventions, and was Selectman for four years. He has been an influential worker in the temperance cause as a member of the Sons of Temperance. He is likewise a member of the local grange and of the Order of the Golden Cross. For thirty years he has sung in the choir of the Congregational church, with which he united when sixteen years of age. An intellectual, well-

read man, of affable manners and upright character, he is popular wherever he is known.

GILMAN C. MORGAN, a farmer of Hopkinton, Merrimack County, N.H., was born September 10, 1830, in Hartford, Vt., being a son of Nathaniel and Mehitable (Colby) Morgan. His paternal grandfather, Nathan H. Morgan, was born October 27, 1765, in Pembroke, N.H. Four years later his father and mother, who were English, came to Hopkinton, and settled in the unbroken forest in the south-west part of the town. At that time there were no roads, but only foot-paths, indicated by spotted trees for a guide. Nathan H. Morgan remained on the old homestead from the time of coming here with his parents until his demise, October 31, 1850. His wife, Mary Emerson Morgan, was born March 30, 1770, and died December 5, 1833. They had twelve children, namely: Timothy, who was born March 12, 1790, and died in 1871; Nathaniel, the first, born October 2, 1791, died May 18, 1792; Nathaniel, the second, born April 5, 1793, died May 4, 1872; Abigail, born April 13, 1795; Nathan, born March 21, 1797, died October 6, 1828; Smith, born March 18, 1799; Betsey, born December 25, 1800; Mary, born February 4, 1803, died in June, 1885, the wife of John Currier; Rachel, born January 12, 1805; Jeremiah, born December 20, 1805; Mahala, born March 29, 1809; and James, born September 4, 1811. Of these Mahala, the wife of Peabody Webber, of Manchester, N.H., is the only survivor.

Nathan H. Morgan was an energetic, tireless worker in his day, doing much of the pioneer labor of clearing the land, and for many years was one of the most influential men of the neighborhood. Many were the pleasant hours whiled away by his grand-children, listening to his stories of the pleasures and dangers of pioneer life in his time, and of all the circumstances connected with his early life and the progress of the town. The old homestead remained in the family for three generations, the successive owners being Nathan H. Morgan, Timothy Morgan, and Richard F. Morgan.

Richard F. Morgan was one of the most prominent and enterprising citizens of the town. He held many positions of trust in the town, and served acceptably to all as Selectman and School Committee for many terms, and was one of the foremost members of the Baptist church.

Nathaniel Morgan, son of Nathan H., born in Hopkinton, April 5, 1793, married Mehitable Colby, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Gilman) Colby, of Henniker, September 7, 1822. Three years afterward he went to Vermont, where he lived until 1832. Returning then to Merrimack County, he settled first in Henniker, where he lived for twenty years, and then came back to Hopkinton, where he remained until his death, May 4, 1872. His wife outlived him a score of years, passing away January 11, 1893, being ninety-six years of age. She was a pensioner of the War of 1812. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Mary Ann, Edwin, Julia A., and Gilman C.

Gilman C. Morgan came to Hopkinton with his parents in 1853. He married September 12, 1855, Miss Eva L. Merrill, daughter of Charles and Emily E. (Emerson) Merrill, of Hopkinton, where Mrs. Morgan was born. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have but two children living; namely, Charles N. and Willis E. They have lost four children: Oliver A., who died at the age of four years; Edwin H., at the age of twenty-three years; Arthur W., at

the age of eighteen; and Irwin A., at the age of sixteen years.

In politics Mr. Morgan is a gold bug and a Republican, although he was reared in the Democratic faith, his father having been a steadfast adherent of that party. Even in boyhood he would never acknowledge when away from home that he was a Democrat. Notwithstanding the presence of many good men in that party, there seemed to be an element in its organism that was exceedingly distasteful to him; and discerning, as he thought at that time, a greater degree of intelligence and refinement in the masses elsewhere, he consequently found more congenial associates outside its ranks. In later years he has found the principles of the Republican party to be more in accord with his own mature convictions.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are of a social nature. They are members of Union Grange, he having served as Master for three terms. In religion he is liberal in his views. He attends the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Morgan is a member.

HON. CHARLES C. KENRICK, State Senator, is one of the most prominent citizens of Franklin, N.H. He was born April 8, 1844, fourth son of Stephen and Clarissa A. (Blanchard) Kenrick. His paternal grandfather, John Kenrick, who was born December 17, 1764, was a native of Amesbury, Mass. He married Sarah Colby, of the same place, born January 25, 1771, and had nine children, of whom Stephen, father of Charles C., was the youngest. John Kenrick died in Amesbury in 1806, and his widow married David Marsh.

Stephen Kenrick was born June 15, 1806, in Haverhill, Mass., and came to Franklin when a young man. After remaining here a short time, he went to McIndoe's Falls, Vt., where he was for a few years engaged in business; and from there he went to Bangor, Me. Later, returning to Franklin, he was married December 29, 1833, to Clarissa A. Blanchard. He then went into business in the town, and continued thus engaged for the greater part of his life. He was a very prominent citizen, and held various positions of importance. He was President of the Hillsborough National Bank, and also of the Concord & Portsmouth Railroad. His death took place on August 4, 1884, and that of his wife October 12, 1893. They were the parents of seven children — Ebenezer B., Ebenezer B. (second), Stephen B., Charles C., John Smith, Dr. Timothy Francis, and Clarissa Ann. The first Ebenezer B. was born March 3, 1837, and died August 16, 1838; and Ebenezer B., second, was born November 6, 1838, and died February 9, 1839. Stephen B. was born April 9, 1842, and married Lizzie A. Rowe, of Plymouth, N.H. He was interested in a railroad, the Fort Madison (Ia.) & Green Bay (Wis.), of which he was superintendent. He died January 30, 1896, at his home in Clinton, Ia., where his wife still resides. John Smith Kenrick was born October 28, 1846, and died August 10, 1847. Timothy Francis Kenrick, born July 8, 1849, was graduated at Dartmouth College and also at Utica Medical College. He practised a few years in this country, and then went abroad and became the medical adviser of some foreign nobleman. In this capacity he travelled considerably, spending some time in Rome and Naples especially. He died at Naples, January 29, 1879, in his thirtieth year. The Doctor was a man of culture and wide intelligence, with bright prospects before him. The circumstances of his death in a foreign land seemed to render it doubly sorrowful. Clarissa Ann

Kenrick was born November 8, 1852, and died August 11, 1853.

Charles C., the special subject of the present article, was educated in the academies at Boscawen and New London, N.H. He was a great lover of horses, and started out when a young man in the livery business at Franklin Falls, in which he was engaged until 1894. He still remains in the stock business, being a breeder of fine horses and cattle, and owning some of the finest horses in the State. He became interested in farming, and now pursues it on a large scale, employing a number of hands to carry on the work. He is connected with the Franklin Savings Bank of Franklin Falls. He also has a keen aptitude for the real estate business, and at present has the largest interests in that line of any one in the city. He has built and now owns many of the finest business blocks and dwellings both in Franklin and Franklin Falls. His own residence in the former place is a beautiful one, and stands without an equal in the town. In political matters Mr. Kenrick has always shown an active interest, being a stanch Republican. He was Representative from Franklin for two years, and was also on the Board of Selectmen several years, being Chairman of the Board in 1886. He was elected State Senator for the terms of 1897 and 1898. He is identified with social organizations as follows: he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and was charter member of St. Andrew's Lodge at Franklin Falls. He also belongs to the A. O. U. W. at the same place. Both he and his wife attend the Congregational church at Franklin.

Mr. Kenrick was married August 5, 1894, to Arabelle Rowe Morgan, of Gilford, N.H. She was born November 26, 1849, daughter of James and Lucinda (Harper) Rowe, the former of Gilford, and the latter of New Hampton, N.H. Mr. Rowe, who was a farmer most of his life, died August 19, 1893, his wife's decease having occurred in 1868. They had six children — George W., Charles C., Mary E., Sarah, Clara A., and Arabelle. Of these, the first-born, George, is a farmer in Manchester, N.H.; Charles is a farmer in Methuen, Mass.; Mary is the widow of John McDonald, and lives in Cambridgeport, Mass.; Sarah is the widow of Eugene Spaulding, and lives with Mr. and Mrs. Kenrick; and Clara is not living. Mr. Kenrick has no children, but has a niece living with him, Florence May Spaulding, born June 10, 1884, who is a very attractive child.

Mr. Kenrick is decidedly the most widely known and successful man of a large community. He has many and varied interests, and his spirit and energy are adequate for whatever he undertakes. He is a most prosperous and substantial citizen, and his influence has made itself felt in many ways for the good of the public.

CHARLES GOULD, an extensive and prosperous agriculturist of Hopkinton, was born March 8, 1823, on the farm where he now resides, son of Captain Moses and Hannah (Currier) Gould. He represents one of the oldest families of this section of the county. His ancestor, Joseph Gould, was one of the original proprietors of Hopkinton, where he bought land while yet a resident of South Hampton, N.H. Joseph died shortly after his purchase; and his widow with her family of five sons, all young men, came here in 1754, each son making a separate settlement. Joseph Gould was born in South Hampton, being either the son or grandson of the emigrant ancestor, Christopher Gould, who came to this country from England, locating

in Hampton, N.H. The five sons of Joseph were: Moses, Elias, Gideon, John, and Christopher, all of whom served in the Revolutionary War, married, and reared families. Some descendants of each are now living in Merrimack County. Several of these formerly spelled their name Goold. One of them, Nathaniel Goold, who settled in Chicago in 1838, going there on the old steamer "Madison," was the last surviving charter member of Dearborn Lodge, F. & A. M., at his death.

Moses Gould, the grandfather of Charles, soon after coming here purchased the ancestral homestead at Hopkinton in 1754. His mother made her home with him. In 1760 or thereabout, besides building a substantial house with solid oak timbers which are still in use, forming the frame for the present residence, he cleared the timber from quite a large portion of the land. He died at the age of fifty-four years. His widow, in maidenhood Joanna Davis, who attained the age of eighty-two years, lived with the Shakers at Canterbury from 1818 until 1836. She bore her husband three children, namely: Moses, the father of Charles; Jonathan, who died at the age of twenty-two years; and Enoch, who married Lydia Rowell, and lives with his family in Bradford, N.H. Captain Moses Gould spent his entire life of seventy-five years on the old homestead, carrying on general farming and lumbering. In his younger days he trained in a company of the State militia, serving as Captain for several years. He brought his bride, Hannah Currier, a daughter of Daniel Currier, of Warner, N.H., to the home farm, where she resided until her death at the age of eighty-two years. Here they reared their family of five children, namely: Joanna, who married Ambrose Chase, and died in Hopkinton, aged eighty years; Abigail, who was the wife of Ezra Terrill, of Penacook, and died when sixty years old; Hannah, who died in young womanhood; Martha, who became the wife of Franklin Frost, of Penacook, and died at the age of sixty-five years; and Charles, twin brother of Martha and the subject of this sketch.

Charles Gould received a fair education at the Hopkinton Academy. Afterward for a period of twoscore years he was engaged during the winter seasons as a teacher in the county schools. He was Captain for a time in the Fortieth New Hampshire militia, in which his father had previously been an officer. He has also served many terms as one of the Superintending School Committee. In 1859 he was a member of the Board of Selectmen. For some time he has been Master of the local grange. In the management of his farm he has shown good judgment. Besides making desirable improvements he has added more land to the original hundred acres. In his large dairy he keeps high-grade Guernsey cattle, and has every modern facility for making butter, which he produces at the rate of one hundred pounds per week. This product brings him the average price of thirty cents a pound the year round. At the World's Fair, held in Chicago in 1893, it received a high award, the merits ranking almost to the maximum on every point counted. He received the World's Columbian Exposition Medal for his exhibit, standing the highest of any in New Hampshire, and ranking third among the whole number of competing States. He has likewise carried away several first prizes at State fairs. In politics Mr. Gould has been a free silver man for years, and in the last Presidential campaign was an earnest supporter of W. J. Bryan. He is very liberal in his religious beliefs and an active member of the Swedenborgian church.

On November 4, 1847, Mr. Gould married Miss Ruth Hill, daughter of Thomas Hill, of this town. Mr. Hill and his father owned the Contoocook water-power for many years. He was a veteran of the Revolution, serving in all the important battles, including that of Bunker Hill; and he afterward received a pension from the government. Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Samantha Spalding, daughter of Stephen Putney, were, in 1896, living daughters of Revolutionary soldiers in Hopkinton. Mr. and Mrs. Gould became the parents of seven children — Moses C., Louis A., Charles Henry, Clara I., Robert T., Helen A., and Herbert J. Moses C. is a dentist at Seneca Falls, N.Y.; Louis A., born April 26, 1852, attended the university at Syracuse, N.Y., for two years, afterward receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine at Ann Arbor, Mich., in 1880. He began the practice of his profession at Ovid, N.Y., and in 1889 settled in Farmer Village, the same State, where he is in practice at the present time. He was for many years President of the Seneca County Medical Society, and for nine years was Coroner of that county. Charles Henry, a stone-cutter of Cambridge, Mass., built the armory in Boston. Clara I. is the wife of Otto L. Bullard, of Bellingham, Mass. Robert T. is living on the homestead. Helen A. is the wife of George A. Newton, of Henniker, N.H.; and Herbert J. resides with his brother, Charles H., in Cambridge, Mass.

Robert T. Gould, born May 23, 1863, has continued in business with his father, and has now the entire charge of the farm. He is very energetic and progressive, the present extensive butter business conducted on the farm being the result of his enterprise. He was educated in the Contoocook Academy, after which, making up his mind to devote his time to agricultural pursuits, he settled near his father, building a neat residence on the farm in 1894. On April 3, 1895, he married Miss Mary M., daughter of John F. and Nellie (Putney) Currier, of Hopkinton. She is a lady of culture and a graduate of the Concord High School. Both Robert and his wife are members of the local grange, in which he has been Master. Very active in the grange work of the county and State, he has attended the National Grange, and, with his father, has been present at the meeting of the State Grange.

JOHN M. COLE, a well-known farmer and real estate speculator of Plainfield, was born here, August 3, 1836, son of Daniel and Lucinda (Bryant) Cole. The Cole family is of German origin. The great-grandfather of John M. was Ebenezer Cole. The grandfather, Daniel Cole, was one of the prosperous farmers of Plainfield in his day, and also followed the trades of tanning, currying, and shoemaking. He fought for independence in the Revolutionary War, taking part in thirteen engagements; and he received for his services a pension, which after his death was extended to his widow. He and his family came up the river upon a horse sled, and were among the pioneers of this section. At his death he was ninety years old. He married Edith Wilbur, and his family consisted of six children, all now deceased; namely, Stephen, Wheeler, Enos, John, Daniel, and Hannah. Stephen became a physician, and practised in Concord, N.H., for a number of years. He married in that town, and later settled in Vermont, where he passed the rest of his life. Wheeler went to Ohio, and became a prosperous farmer. He married in that State, and left a daughter. Enos married and settled in Burlington, Vt. John was in business in Lowell, Mass., and Nashua,

N.H., for a number of years. He married Lucy Pike, of Concord, N.H. Hannah became the wife of Joseph Spaulding, an extensive farmer of Plainfield, and reared a family.

Daniel Cole, the father of John M., was born in Plainfield. He succeeded to the ownership of his father's property, and during the active period of his life was engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He served as Overseer of the Poor and Highway Surveyor for a number of years, and was a Justice of the Peace. In politics he supported the Republican party, and his religious belief was the Baptist creed. He lived to be seventy-three years old, and left a good estate, together with a record for honesty and integrity, of which his descendants may well be proud. Daniel Cole was twice married. His first wife was Patty Johnson, who bore him six children; namely, Sarah, Martha, Abel, George, Harriet, and Daniel W. Sarah married Earl Westgate, a farmer of Plainfield, and had a family of six children. Martha wedded Alfred Hannis, a school teacher of Claremont, N.H., and reared a family. Abel, who engaged in farming, wedded Marcia Houghton, of Windsor, Vt. George, who followed agriculture successfully, married Samantha Souther, of Plainfield. Both are now deceased. Harriet is now the widow of Nathan Souther, late of Lowell, Vt. Daniel W. resided upon a farm in Cornish, and died in that town. He married Ardel Spencer, a native of Plainfield; and a daughter survives him. Daniel Cole's second wife, Lucinda Bryant Cole, became the mother of five children — John M., Homer, Marcia, Wilbur, and one that died in infancy. Homer follows the trade of a painter and paper-hanger in Plainfield. He married Mrs. E. Harris, a widow of Windsor, who has had no children. Marcia, who is no longer living, married George Chase, of Windsor, a mason by trade; and she had two children. Wilbur, who is a prosperous farmer in Cornish, married Clara Hook, of that town, and has one son.

John M. Cole acquired a common-school education, and since early manhood has been engaged in farming. He succeeded to the homestead, where he continued to reside some five years after his father's death. He then sold it to Charles Kenyon, and bought the Coburn place in Cornish. This property he sold to William Kinsman a year later, and purchased the Woodard farm in Plainfield. He had resided there about fifteen years, when he sold that property to William True, and bought the Jordan farm, located upon the River Road. After disposing of the Jordan place to Ralph Morgan some two years ago, he purchased the Burrage farm, where he now resides. His custom in these transactions was to improve the estate after buying it, and then to sell it at a good profit. He now owns a farm of one hundred acres, with substantial buildings, from which a view may be obtained of the Ascutney Mountains and the village of Hartland, Vt., upon the opposite shore of the Connecticut River. He has made a specialty of raising sheep and cattle, and he has been quite successful in general farming.

Mr. Cole married Jane Bugbee, who was born in Hartland, Vt., December 27, 1836, and was educated at the Kimball Union Academy. Her grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier. Her father, George Bugbee, who was born in Cornish, Vt., in 1813, and was a prosperous farmer in that town, died in 1882. He married Eunice Lanphire, who, born in Hartland, Vt., in 1803, died in 1869, her only child being Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Cole have four children, as follows: George A., born March 14, 1863; Daniel, born March 11, 1867; Samuel W., born March 18, 1868; and

Lizzie J., born December 23, 1870. George A., who is engaged in agriculture in Plainfield, married Hattie Royce, and has two sons — Charlie and Leonard. Daniel is a resident of this town. Samuel W., who is a travelling salesman for a jewelry house, married Ida M. Jenkins, of Attleboro, Mass. Lizzie J. married Harley McCrillis, a confectioner of White River Junction, Vt.

Mr. Cole has served upon the School Board and in other town offices. Politically, he supports the Republican party, and in his religious views is a Baptist. He is well informed upon all current topics, and is especially interested in family history and the preservation of relics. He has in his possession several old deeds and mortgages. Among the deeds is one conveying property from Johnson to Cole, bearing the date of December 25, 1819. Another deed is from Walker to Daniel Cole, dated April 4, 1806. He also has the will of his grandfather, dated July 20, 1839, and probated by Judge Putnam, and the paper relating to his enlistment and his discharge from the Continental army.

DAVID A. SARGENT, a hotel-keeper in Croydon, was born January 5, 1829, in Grantham, N.H., son of Moses and Mary (Clement) Sargent. His paternal grandfather was one of the early settlers of Warner, N.H. The father was born in Warner, May 1, 1788, and remained there for some time, carrying on general farming. Later he removed to Grantham, where he spent the remainder of his life. While a Republican in politics, he never held public office. He died in 1849, at the age of sixty-one years. His wife Mary, who was born in Warner, December 3, 1788, died in 1870, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Grantham. Their nine children were born as follows: Seth C., May 12, 1815; Benjamin, July 12, 1817; Moses C., September 30, 1819; Aaron, June 18, 1821; Rozilla, February 3, 1823; Elizabeth C., December 19, 1824; John C., October 21, 1826; David A., January 5, 1829; Almira N., February 20, 1831. Of these children the survivors are: Elizabeth C., David A., and Almira N.

David A. Sargent was educated in the public schools of Grantham. He was afterward engaged in general farming, carrying on the farm after the death of his father, and continuing there for a number of years. In 1862 he started in the hotel business in the same town, running the Grantham House for six and one-half years. Then he disposed of that property, and in 1870 located in Croydon, where he has since lived. He has conducted the hotel there for the past twenty-six years. He is a liberal in his religious views. In politics he is a Republican. He has been Town Clerk for the past two years. On April 8, 1853, Mr. Sargent married Mary A. Clark, who was born in Grantham, daughter of Asa Clark, and died in 1885. Subsequently he married Diana M. Wallace, a native of Vermont, who died in 1891. Darwin A. Sargent, son of the first wife, born in 1860, was engaged in general farming, and resided in Croydon. He married Mabel A. Allen, and died in 1895, leaving his wife with three children — Otis C., Roy A., and Dora M. Mr. Sargent is a self-made man and one who has the respect of his townsmen. He is a very pleasant man to meet, and is one of the oldest business men in Croydon. His hotel, which is very homelike, accommodates twenty guests. It is but a short drive from Austin Corbin's park, and many visitors annually stop with him and enjoy the mountain scenery.

ANDREW J. SILVER, senior partner in the firm of Silver & Hall, Gossville, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Deerfield, N.H., May 9, 1835, son of Joseph M. and Sarah S. (Chase) Silver. The latter, natives respectively of Haverhill, Mass., and Deerfield, were both born in the year 1800. Joseph M. Silver moved to Deerfield when quite young and learned the carpenter's trade. The active portion of his life was devoted to that calling. He owned a good farm, which he also cultivated with success, and lived to the age of eighty-eight years. In politics he acted with the Republican party. His wife, Sarah, who was a daughter of Nathan Chase, of Deerfield, became the mother of seven children, of whom there are living: Abbie C., John W., Andrew J., Horace C., and Charles W. Abbie C. is the wife of C. W. Prescott, of Raymond, N.H. John W. married Hattie Chase, of Chester, N.H.; and his children are: Walter H. and Charles P. Horace C. first married Mary E. Brown, and subsequently Mrs. Josephine White, a native of Tilton, and the widow of Charles H. White. Neither wife is now living. Charles W. married Abbie Arlin, of Manchester, N.H. Mrs. Joseph M. Silver died at the age of eighty-two. She and her husband were members of the Congregational church.

Andrew J. Silver completed his education at the Pittsfield Academy. After assisting his father for a short time, he became a clerk in a general store at Suncook village, in the town of Pembroke; and later he worked in the same capacity at Hookset. During the latter part of the Civil War he was clerk at the naval store connected with the United States Navy Yard at Portsmouth. After the war he followed the same occupation for a short time longer, and then established a general store, which he conducted for a year. In 1870 he went to Epsom, and formed a partnership with Jacob F. Robinson, the firm of Silver & Robinson conducting a thriving business for thirteen years. He then associated himself with Charles S. Hall, his present partner, and the firm of Silver & Hall have since had a profitable trade in Gossville.

On November 30, 1870, Mr. Silver married Juliette E. James, daughter of Jeremiah G. James, of Deerfield. Mr. and Mrs. Silver have one son, Harry, who was born September 2, 1882. During the years 1878 and 1879 Mr. Silver represented Epsom in the legislature, and was the first Republican member of that body from this town. He has been Postmaster in Gossville since 1881. He is connected with Rockingham Lodge, F. & A. M., of Candia, N.H., and has occupied all of the important chairs in Evergreen Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Short Falls. He ranks among the leading business men of Epsom, and his political services are highly appreciated by his fellow-townsmen.

WARREN SARGENT, a brick manufacturer of Allenstown, and a son of Sterling and Sarah (Gault) Sargent, was born in this town, September 1, 1837. The genealogy of the Sargents, who are of English origin, is directly traced through eight generations to Richard Sargent, who is supposed to have been an officer in the royal navy of England. The first ancestor to come to America was William Sargent (first), who was born in England about the year 1602, and first settled in Ipswich, Mass. Later he moved to Newbury, and still later to Hampton, N.H. A more extended account of the Sargent family will be found in the sketch of the life of Philip Sargent. The great-grandfather of Warren Sargent, also

named Sterling, was born in Salisbury, Mass., May 25, 1731. When a young man he settled in Allenstown, where he followed agriculture during the active period of his life, and lived to a good old age. He was three times married. By his first union, contracted with Lydia Coffin, there were five children, of whom Philip was the youngest. On September 24, 1785, he married Mehitable Davis, a native of Amesbury, Mass. His third marriage, which was performed February 11, 1788, united him to Mary Andrews, of Pembroke, N.H., who died in February, 1820.

Philip Sargent, the grandfather of Warren, was born in Allenstown, March 21, 1765. He was a prosperous farmer, resided in this town throughout his entire life, and died February 21, 1820. In 1793 he married Sally Perrin, a native of Pembroke, who had one child, Sterling. Sterling Sargent, who was born in Allenstown, March 20, 1794, enlisted for service in the War of 1812 as a drummer, joining in 1814 Captain Samuel Collins's company, and subsequently served in John Montgomery's brigade under General Nathaniel Fisk, receiving promotion to the rank of Drum Major. After his return from the army he engaged in the manufacture of brick in Allenstown, and afterward followed that business successfully for many years in connection with farming. A stanch supporter of the Democratic party, he was a member of the Board of Selectmen for a number of years, and was a Representative to the legislature from this district for eight consecutive terms. He was well advanced in Masonry. At the age of seventy-four he died. His wife Sally, whom he married December 29, 1814, was a daughter of Matthew Gault, of Hookset, N.H., who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. She became the mother of eleven children, five of whom are living; namely, Philip, Mrs. Sally Hartwell, Mrs. W. F. Head, Warren, and Abbie. Abbie is the wife of Nathaniel B. Emery, of Pembroke, N.H., and has two children — Frederick P. and Nathaniel B., Jr. Mrs. Sterling Sargent died at the age of sixty-seven. Both she and her husband were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

After attending the common schools of his native town for the usual period, Warren Sargent completed his education in New London, N.H. Then he worked upon the home farm until 1861, when he went to California, where he remained for over two years. At the expiration of that time he returned to Allenstown, and, forming a partnership with his brother Philip, engaged in the manufacture of brick. In 1891 his brother withdrew from the firm, and since that time Warren has carried on business alone. He owns and occupies a farm of eighty acres, which he cultivates successfully.

On April 2, 1868, Mr. Sargent was united in marriage with Fannie E. Knowles, of Pittsfield, N.H. She died January 11, 1895, leaving no children. On June 9, 1896, he married for his second wife Mrs. Florence L. Staples Brown, daughter of James Staples, of Danversport, Mass. In politics Mr. Sargent is a Democrat. He takes a lively interest in the prosperity and welfare of the town, and is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry. Mrs. Sargent is a member of the Baptist church.

WILLIAM BROOKS WARD will be readily called to memory as a leading resident of Plainfield. He was born in Groton, Mass., May 8, 1818, son of William and Rebecca (Barrett) Ward. The father, who was a prosperous farmer in Plainfield, was twice married. His first mar-

riage was contracted with Rebecca Barrett, and the maiden name of his second wife was Rebecca Boynton. His children, three by each marriage, were: William B., Rebecca, Sarah, Benjamin F., Alfred, and Cyrus. Rebecca married Norman Smith, a tanner of Lempster, N.H., and had two children. All the members of this family are now deceased. Sarah is the wife of George C. Freeman, a successful farmer of Plainfield, and has three children living. Benjamin F. successively married Edna Davis and Lizzie P. Spaulding. His second wife had one son, Fred S., who is a physician in New York. Alfred, who wedded Mary Burnap, of this town, and was a farmer in a Western State, died some two years ago, leaving one child. Cyrus, who formerly conducted a bakery, and retired from active business some time since, wedded Martha Thornton, of Springfield, Vt.

William Brooks Ward was graduated from the Kimball Union Academy. He then engaged in educational work, and taught school in Louisville, Ky., for nine years. Returning to Plainfield, he purchased his father's farm, in the management of which thereafter he proved himself an industrious and capable farmer. His natural ability and fine scholarly attainments made him especially eligible for the public service. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for one year. He was several times a candidate for Representative to the legislature, but his party was in the minority. Much interested in military matters, he was Captain of a Plainfield company of militia. An esteemed member of the Baptist church, he sang in the choir for many years. Mr. Ward married Maria P. Fuller, who was born in Plainfield, November 9, 1833. Her education was completed at the Kimball Union Academy, and previous to her marriage she was very successfully engaged in teaching school. She has had six children, as follows: William H., born June 15, 1855; Arthur F., born June 26, 1856; Fred B., born October 3, 1858, who died in infancy; Herbert E., born February 4, 1862; Benjamin F., born February 28, 1865; and Julia M., born March 15, 1872. The five surviving children were educated at the Kimball Union Academy and other well-known schools. William H., who is now a milk dealer in Boston, married Alice Delancey, and has one daughter, Gladys N. Arthur F. resides at the homestead, and carries on the farm. Herbert E., who was graduated from the academy in 1881, after pursuing a course at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, taught school for some time, and about ten years ago became an employee in the well-known jewelry store of New York City conducted by the Messrs. Tiffany, where he is now the superintendent. Benjamin F., who was in the meat business, died of consumption, March 29, 1890. Julia M. is now the wife of William H. Skinner, of Windsor, Vt. The father, William Brooks Ward, died September 18, 1892, at the age of seventy-four years.

BENJAMIN GLINES, a prosperous general farmer and stock-raiser of Northfield, was born in this town, October 3, 1839, son of Jacob and Elmira (Glover) Glines. His great-grandfather was probably the first settler in Northfield. Grandfather Abram Glines was a lifelong resident of the town. The father, now deceased, who was occupied in farming throughout the active period of his life, was twice married. The maiden name of his first wife was Nancy Glines. His second marriage was contracted with Elmira Glover, who bore him eight children. Of these two are living,

namely: Benjamin, the subject of this sketch; and Nancy, who married George Stewart, and lives in Franklin. The others were: Jacob, Elmira, Isaac, Darius, Jacob (second), and Nancy (first). The mother married for her second husband John B. Glover, a native of Canterbury, N.H., born in 1814, who now resides with his step-son in Northfield. Her death occurred in 1889.

Benjamin Glines received his education in the common schools of Northfield. After his marriage he resided in Canterbury for a year, and then returned to Northfield, where he has since been engaged in agriculture. In 1885 he moved to his present farm of one hundred and sixteen acres. Here he carries on general farming, dairying, and stock-raising. On April 28, 1860, Mr. Glines married Annie L. Robinson, who was reared by her husband's step-father, John B. Glover. Mr. and Mrs. Glines have had seven children — Willie, Charles, Frank, Burt, Nellie, Ida, and Benjamin. Willie married Etta La Baron, of Sanbornton, and is now a carpenter in Tilton, N.H.; Charles wedded Mary Brown, and is following the same trade in Waltham, Mass.; Frank, who wedded Mary Leaman, of Laconia, lives in Northfield; Burt married Ena Randall, and is residing in Canterbury; Nellie died at the age of sixteen years; Ida died at the age of two years; and Benjamin is living at the homestead. Mrs. Glines has adopted a daughter, Rosa Tappen, who was born August 1, 1892. In politics Mr. Glines is a Democrat. His wife is a member of the Baptist church.

J. LEAVITT CAIN, M.D., born September 26, 1859, in Goshen, Sullivan County, son of George W. and Cynthia J. (Leavitt) Cain, is an esteemed physician of Newport. The father, a native of Unity, N.H., after dealing in dry goods for some time, became a farmer. He now resides in Newport. In politics he takes an independent course. The mother, who came from Grantham, N.H., died at the age of seventy-six years. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of their two children Willie G., the younger, a graduate of Dartmouth in the class of 1883, and living in Cambridge, Mass., is a physician.

J. Leavitt Cain grew up on a farm in Croydon, and received his education in the district schools and at Kimball Union Academy. In 1883 he graduated from the medical department of Dartmouth College, and in the following year took a post-graduate course in New York City. He first located in Grantham, where he remained until 1889. In that year he came to Newport, where he has been successful in building up a good practice. He covers a large territory, visiting the sick for fifteen miles through the surrounding country. He is regarded as one of the leading physicians of the county. He supports the Democratic party in politics, is a Mason of Mount Vernon Lodge and of Sullivan Commandery at Claremont, and belongs to the I. O. O. F. at Newport.

WHITTIER BROTHERS, of Hopkinton, comprising Nahum Milton Whittier and Leon Dayton Whittier, who are extensively engaged in sawing, planing, and the manufacture of shingles and other forms of lumber, are sons of Jacob and Harriet (Sanborn) Whittier. The father was born in Hock, now Danville, N.H., in 1820. He was a son of James Whittier, a cousin of John G. Whittier, the poet, and his wife, Hepsibah (Hunt) Whittier, both of Danville.

J. LEAVITT CAIN.

Reared in his native town, Jacob lived there until he was about thirty years of age. Then he removed to Hopkinton, locating on the Jewett road. In 1860 he bought the present home farm, and was here engaged in farming and shoemaking for a time. On October 24, 1862, he enlisted for the Civil War in the Sixteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, going at once with his comrades to New Orleans, where he was stationed for the most of the time he was in the service. With his health undermined by the enervating climate and the privations of army life, he was honorably discharged; and he returned to his family just three days prior to his death, which occurred August 18, 1863. In August, in 1843, he married Miss Harriet Sanborn, daughter of Peter and Lucinda (Collins) Sanborn, of Danville. They became the parents of five children, namely: Nahum Milton, one of the subjects of this sketch, who has never married; Ausebia Angeline, now the wife of Sidney S. Upham, of Concord, and the mother of two children — Sidney Ethel and Burton Thomas; Charles Emery, who died at the age of three and one-half years; Emma Aldana, who married Arvin Samuel Roundy, of Concord, and has one child, Waldo Sidney; and Leon Dayton, the other subject of this sketch.

Nahum Milton worked for a time in his younger days as a carpenter, being afterward engaged in the milling business with Amos Frye. In 1885 he formed a partnership with his brother, Leon D. Whittier, who had also learned the carpenter's trade. Having established the present well-known firm of Whittier Brothers, they purchased a mill, put in improved machinery, and embarked in their present profitable enterprise. In March, 1894, the mills were burned, entailing a loss of two thousand dollars above their insurance. Messrs. Whittier, with characteristic energy, at once replaced the building with a larger one, and put in first-grade, modern equipments. While they own about one hundred and twenty acres of land, they devote the most of their time to their mill, employing from four to six men in their busy season, and keeping two the year round. Besides lumber they manufacture cider, of which in 1896 they put out two thousand barrels.

Nahum has not married, and lives on the home farm. Leon Dayton on December 24, 1887, wedded Miss Hattie M. Story, daughter of Moses and Harriet D. (Story) Story. Both brothers are gifted musicians, and have been connected at different times with local bands. Nahum at the present time is leader of the Hopkinton band, and both are now members of an orchestra. The house they occupy was erected by their father, who left it in an unfinished condition when he went to the war. It has since been remodelled and enlarged, and a new barn and other farm buildings have been erected. Their widowed mother, who survived her husband more than three decades, died December 6, 1895, aged seventy-one years.

JOHN LANGDON SWETT, M.D., a leading physician of Newport, was born in Claremont, N.H., February 17, 1810, son of Josiah and Hannah (Healy) Swett. The grandfather, Josiah Swett, a farmer, was an early settler of Wenham and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He married Prudence Richards, and died at the age of sixty-four years. He was a Baptist and very rigid in his belief. His son Josiah, born in 1768, also followed farming. Josiah went from Wenham to Claremont when about twenty-five years of age, and in the latter town spent the remainder of his life. He owned a good farm, and was an industrious worker.

A Methodist in religious faith, he was yet tolerant and liberal. In politics he was a Jeffersonian Democrat. He died at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, Hannah, born September 24, 1771, died at the age of eighty-three. They had ten children — Sally, Hannah, Elizabeth, Clarissa, Joseph, Mehitable, Marilla, Mary, John L., and Josiah.

Dr. Swett received his early education in the public schools of Claremont and at academies in Meriden, N.H., and Wilbraham, Mass. Subsequently he taught school for two years, after which he began the study of medicine with Dr. Tolles and Dr. Kittridge, of Claremont. Then he took the medical lectures at Dartmouth College and at Philadelphia, and graduated from the Jefferson College in March, 1836. In the summer of the same year he located at Newport, where he now resides. In the forty-five years of his professional career he acquired a most lucrative practice and the reputation of one of the best physicians in the vicinity. He is now practically retired, as he limits his professional visits to a few old friends.

On May 24, 1842, Dr. Swett married Elizabeth Kimball, who was born March 5, 1824, daughter of John Kimball, of Bradford. She died June 7, 1852. They had four children, namely: Frances M., now the wife of Charles C. Shattuck, of California; John K., who died at the age of four months; Elizabeth, who died when thirteen months old; and William K., who died in California, July 15, 1876, at the age of twenty-four. It is further stated of William that he was a physician, that he married July 6, 1873, and that at his death, besides his widow, he left two sons: John Langdon, born August 17, 1874; and William Kimball, born June 10, 1876. Dr. Swett married again June 2, 1853, Rebecca Beaman, of Princeton, Mass., born November 15, 1822, daughter of Ephraim Beaman. She died on June 8, 1891, leaving no children. The Doctor has been a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society for nearly sixty years, and was its President for some time. He is an honorary member of several other medical associations in the vicinity, in California, in the Rocky Mountains, and on the Pacific Coast. He is an old-school Democrat and a member of the F. & A. M., Mount Vernon Lodge, Newport. For many years he has held an honored place in the Congregational church. He is a self-made man, active, energetic, and good. His daughter has had three children: Elizabeth K., who died at twenty-three years of age; Jane; and Charles C., born January 19, 1879.

ISRAEL G. MARDIN, one of Allenstown's most able and successful farmers, was born in this town, January 9, 1826. His parents, Israel and Rachel (Ham) Mardin, were natives respectively of Allenstown and Epsom, N.H. The paternal grandfather, Israel Mardin (first), a native of Portsmouth, N.H., settled in Allenstown, and here carried on a good farm until his death, which occurred when he was forty years old. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Sally Doust, a native of Deerfield, and reared a family of five children, none of whom are living. His wife, who was a member of the Congregational church, reached the age of eighty-two years.

Israel Mardin (second), the father of the subject of this sketch, was reared to farm life at the homestead. On succeeding to the farm, he cultivated it successfully during the active period of his life. He took an active part in political affairs, and was elected a Representative to the legislature for two terms by the

Democratic party. He died at the age of sixty-five. His wife, Rachel, a daughter of George Ham, of Epsom, made him the father of seven children, five of whom are living; namely, Harrison B., William D., Israel G., John, and James C. Harrison B. married Ann Gove, of Wentworth, N.H., and has one son, Charles; William D. married Caroline Monahan, of Francestown, N.H., and has five children — Frank, George, Emma, Nellie, and Carrie; John married Ellen L. Flint, of Allenstown, and his children are: John, Mabel, and Hattie A.; James C. married Sarah Wiggins, of Deerfield; and she is the mother of two children — Burt and Rachel. Mrs. Rachel Mardin lived to be eighty-one years old. She and her husband were attendants of the Congregational church.

Israel G. Mardin was reared and educated in Allenstown. After leaving school he was employed in a brickyard for a time. Subsequently he took up farming, which has since been his principal occupation. In 1881 he purchased his present farm of one hundred and thirty acres. The tillage portion of it is devoted chiefly to the raising of hay and grain.

On March 31, 1853, Mr. Mardin wedded Hannah J. Giles, daughter of Paul S. Giles, of Northwood, N.H. They have no children. In politics Mr. Mardin is a Democrat. He has served as Supervisor of the Check List and as Highway Surveyor. One of the leading farmers of Allenstown, and possessing many admirable qualities, he has the esteem and confidence of his fellow-townsmen.

JOHN S. FORD was a well-known farmer and land-owner of Danbury. A native of Grafton, N.H., and a son of Archibald F. and Polly (Searle) Ford, he was born October 15, 1824. His grandfather, Robert Ford, one of a large family of children, was one of the early settlers of Grafton, where he secured a grant of land, and thereafter cultivated it until his death. Robert married Mary Riddle, and they reared a family of four sons and three daughters.

Archibald Ford, like his father, was a farmer. After the birth of his son John he moved to Danbury, where he spent the latter part of his life, and died June 15, 1878. Besides cultivating his land, he made important highway surveys. His other children were: Mary S., George N., Charles, and Robert. Mary, now Mrs. N. W. Flanders and a widow, lives at Wilmot Flat, and has two sons — Charles F. and James; Robert lives at Campton, N.H., and has four children; George, now deceased, left eight children.

John S. Ford, who was the eldest of his parents' children, was educated in the Danbury schools and in Franklin Academy; and he lived on the homestead until he was twenty-two years of age. When the Northern Railroad was being built, he was employed on the gradings and on the stone work. Later he was made station agent, and he has had charge of a lunch-room in the depot. In 1876 he returned to the farm which he inherited from his father. Here he raised some stock, principally cows and sheep. The proprietor of about twelve hundred acres, he was one of the largest land-owners in the section. Some years ago he drove cattle from Massachusetts up here to pasture.

In 1847 Mr. Ford married Julia Litchfield, daughter of George and Lucy (Randall) Litchfield, of Scituate, Mass. An adopted son, George A., died January 19, 1885, leaving a wife and three children. Mr. Ford was Town Treasurer for a number of years. In 1866–67 he represented the town in the State legis-

lature. He was a Mason in good standing In politics he was a Democrat, and he cast his first ballot for President in 1848. He died March 26, 1897.

HENRY K. JENNEY, a farmer of North Charlestown, was born April 19, 1847, in Plainfield, this county, son of E. O. Jenney. The Jenney family is one of the oldest in the county. Silas Jenney, the grandfather of Henry K., settled in Plainfield, and carried on a large farm there. E. O. Jenney, his son, bought a farm in the eastern part of Plainfield, and lived thereon until 1859. Then he moved to the northwest part of the same town, and bought another farm. He raised sheep and cattle on a large scale, and he died in 1876.

Henry K. Jenney, the subject of this sketch, received his knowledge of the rudiments in the district schools of Plainfield. Then he attended Meriden Academy two terms each year for three years, working on his father's farm for the balance of the year. At the age of twenty, starting out in life for himself, he worked in his native town for a time. In the spring of 1870 he left his home and removed to Charlestown, where he was employed on the farm of Thomas Whipple for two years. Then he bought a part of the Whipple farm, and he has since been successfully engaged in its cultivation. During his residence here Mr. Jenney has bought and sold several farms in the village. Recently he bought the remainder of the Whipple farm, containing one hundred acres. Also, for the past twenty years he has been actively engaged in buying and selling stock of all kinds. He is a stanch Republican, has served on Town Committees, and is at present one of the Selectmen. A prominent member of the Methodist church, he serves the society in the office of Director. He is a charter member of the Sugar River Grange, No. 190.

On June 14, 1872, Mr. Jenney married Helen Whipple, daughter of Thomas Whipple, of Charlestown. They have one child, Mary Alice, born May 30, 1873, who is a graduate of Steven's High School, and has taught school in Claremont and Charlestown for the past three years. The Whipple family have been connected with the town of Charlestown since 1725, when Moses Whipple, great-grandfather of Mrs. Jenney, settled there. He was a prominent man in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Jenney has in her possession to-day the original documents appointing him Colonel in the Colonial army, signed by King George III., and countersigned by Governor Wentworth, of New Hampshire. Thomas Whipple, who successfully followed the occupation of surveyor, was superintendent of the Charlestown schools for thirteen consecutive years and a Justice of the Peace for thirty-five years. He died March 1, 1870. Mr. Jenney is regarded as one of the prominent residents of the town.

WILLIAM DORR SMITH, proprietor of Smith's Business College of Concord, was born in Wilmington, Vt., February 22, 1867, son of Francis R. and Jeanette (Powers) Smith. His father was a native of Wilmington. His mother was born in Marlboro, Vt. His paternal great-grandfather, Jabez Smith, born at Dover, Mass., was grandson of Caleb Smith, born at Needham, Mass., in 1720. His paternal great-grandmother, Chloe Richards, born at Dedham, Mass., was a direct descendant of Edward Richards, born in England in 1610.

William Dorr Smith began his education in

the public schools of Wilmington, and later attended Glenwood Academy at West Brattleboro. At the age of twenty he began teaching in the public schools of Newfane, and later taught for some time in the public schools of Brattleboro, Vt. Soon after graduating from Hinman's Business College of Worcester, Mass., he accepted a position there as teacher, and remained thus employed for four years. Soon after leaving there he came to Concord, N.H., and opened the commercial school known as Smith's Business College.

Despite the discouraging prospects and prophecies, he has by quiet and persistent effort succeeded where others have failed, in building up a thriving institution that is to-day regarded as an important factor in the education of the young people of New Hampshire.

Mr. Smith has always been a Republican in politics.

JEREMIAH GARVIN, of Chichester, an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature and a veteran of the Civil War, was born January 3, 1842, at the family homestead on Garvin Hill, where he now resides, son of Jesse and Eunice (Leavitt) Garvin. The father, a native of Pembroke, N.H., was reared upon a farm near Garvin Falls, Pembroke. When a young man he was engaged for several years in rafting logs on the Merrimac River. Subsequently turning his attention to agricultural pursuits, he purchased a large farm in Chichester. This property, situated in the southern part of the town, is known as Garvin's Hill, which is twelve hundred feet above the level of the sea. In 1840 Jesse Garvin erected the present substantial brick residence, which is still one of the principal landmarks in Chichester; and he resided here for the rest of his life. He was twice married. His first wife, in maidenhood named Morrison, and who was a native of Pembroke, bore him two children. Of these Wilson D. survives, and resides in Concord, N.H. He wedded Olive Ann Leavitt, of Chichester, and his children are: William, Etta, Idalette, and Alonzo. Jesse Garvin's second wife, Eunice (Leavitt) Garvin, a daughter of Jonathan Leavitt, of Chichester, became the mother of thirteen children, of whom there are living — Benjamin, Nancy, Lucretta, Solomon L., Mary, John E., Ann Maria and Jeremiah (twins), and Emma L. Benjamin married Adeline Kimball, of Hillsborough, N.H., and has four sons — Jefferson, Herbert, Frank, and Jesse. Nancy is now the widow of Moses O. Pearson, late of Manchester, N.H.; and her children are: Nellie, Elizabeth, and Bertha. Lucretta is the widow of James P. Eaton, late of Enfield, N.H., and has one daughter, Kate Pearl. Solomon L. married Sarah Keith, who came from the West, and has three children — George, Sarah, and Perley. Mary is the widow of Charles Goss, late of Salem, Mass.; and her children are: Charles, Mary, and Perley. Ann Maria is now the widow of Charles B. Bradley, late of Manchester, N.H., and has no children. Emma L. married Abraham Ellwood, of Illinois, and has four children — Mildred, Sally, Emma, and Leonard. Jesse Garvin died on the homestead in Chichester, at the age of seventy-four years; and his wife lived to be eighty-seven. In politics he was orginally a Jacksonian Democrat, but later he supported the Republican party. Both he and his wife were members of the Congregational church.

Jeremiah Garvin was educated in the common schools of his native town. After leaving school he was employed as a farm assistant in Derry, N.H., for eight years. In 1864 he enlisted in Company C, First New

Hampshire Heavy Artillery, and subsequently served in the Civil War with the rank of Corporal. At the close of the war he returned to his native State, settled in Manchester, and was afterward engaged in the milk business and in teaming for eighteen years. About the year 1883 he was appointed Superintendent of the City Farm, a position which he occupied for the ensuing five years. He then had charge of the Hillsborough County Farm for over five years, after which he returned to the homestead in Chichester, which he had bought in 1886. This property, containing one hundred and sixty acres of land, is one of the most desirable estates in the locality. Besides carrying on general farming he accommodates a number of select summer boarders. His residence, which has a magnificent view of mountain scenery, is patronized to its fullest capacity during the heated term. Mr. Garvin is an active supporter of the Republican party. He served as a special police officer in Manchester for five years, and represented that city in the legislature from 1874 to 1877. He was also Road Agent for four years, and he served as a member of the Board of Selectmen of Chichester for two years. Experienced in public affairs, he is now President of the Republican Club of this town.

On June 13, 1862, Mr. Garvin was united in marriage with Georgietta Coburn, daughter of Isaac and Eliza C. (Nesmith) Coburn, of Londonderry, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Garvin have had four children, of whom three are living — Edward J., Laura E., and Charles E. Mr. Garvin is connected with Hillsborough Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., of Manchester, and is a member of the encampment. He has been a comrade of Louis Bell Post, G. A. R., of Manchester, since its organization; and he is associated with Chichester Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

CHARLES A. LANGMAID, a prominent dairy farmer of Chichester and a member of the Board of Selectmen, was born upon the farm he now owns and occupies, December 13, 1851, son of Edward and Mary J. (Blake) Langmaid. His grandfather, Edward Langmaid, who for a number of years kept a tavern at Hampton Falls, N.H., moved to a farm of fifty acres situated in Chichester, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits for about two years. He died at the age of forty-two. The grandfather's wife, whose maiden name was Mehitable Dodge, reared six children. Of these Samuel, the only survivor, who served as a Captain in the Civil War, married and had two daughters — Helen and Clara. Mrs. Mehitable Langmaid lived to the age of eighty-three years. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Edward Langmaid, father of Charles A., was born in Hampton Falls. The active portion of his life was devoted to tilling the soil; and he resided for the most of the time in Chichester until his death, which occurred when he was seventy years old. In politics he was a Democrat, and his connection with the public affairs of this town lasted through a long period. He was elected to all the important town offices, was a Representative to the legislature, and was serving as Town Treasurer at the time of his death. He was unusually successful as a farmer, and he acquired considerable property. He was a member of the Congregational church. His first marriage was with Mary J. Blake, a daughter of General James Blake, of Chichester. She died in 1856, aged about thirty-eight years, leaving three children — Edward, Sarah M., and Charles A. Edward married Jacintha M. Sanborn, of Chichester, and has one daughter, Elizabeth M. Sarah M. is the

wife of Elbridge G. W. Bartlett, of Yonkers, N.Y., and has no children. Charles A. Langmaid's father wedded for his second wife Mrs. Eliza Ladd Mead, widow of T. J. Mead, late of Concord, N.H. By this union there was one son, Albert, who is no longer living.

Charles A. Langmaid acquired his education in the schools of his native town. When a young man he began to assist in managing the homestead farm, thereby receiving a knowledge of agriculture that has since been very useful to him. He now owns about two hundred and fifty acres of excellent land, of which the cultivated part is very fertile. He makes a specialty of dairy farming, and deals quite extensively in milk. On November 26, 1879, he was united in marriage with Ellen A. Sanborn, daughter of Jacob S. and Elvira R. L. Sanborn, of Chichester. Politically, Mr. Langmaid is a Democrat. He served as Town Clerk for four years, was Treasurer for three years, and in 1896 was elected a member of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. and Mrs. Langmaid are connected with Chichester Grange, and are members of the Congregational church.

ISAAC H. LONG, a popular and prosperous farmer of Claremont, was born here, March 27, 1841, son of Charles F. and Caroline J. (Hubbard) Long. The grandfather, Simeon Long, the captain of a whaling-vessel, came to Claremont from New Bedford about the year 1810. His son, Charles F., born in Nantucket in 1801, learned the printer's trade in New Bedford, but afterward on account of failing health went to sea. For twenty-three years thereafter he served on a merchant vessel, rising in time to the rank of captain. In 1843 he returned to Claremont and took up farming. He was a Republican in politics, and he represented his town in the legislature for one year. He married Miss Caroline Jones Hubbard, who was born in 1803, daughter of Isaac Hubbard, a leading man of the town. George Hubbard, the maternal great-grandfather of Isaac H. Long, was a Lieutenant in the Revolution, and came to Claremont among the early settlers when his son Isaac was eight years old. Isaac, the grandfather, died in Claremont in 1861, leaving four children; namely, Amos C., the Rev. Isaac G. Hubbard, Caroline, and Sarah. He was a prominent citizen, and held various public offices. Charles F. Long died in 1869 at the age of sixty-eight. His wife survived him until the year 1880. Their three children are: Charles H., Charlotte, and Isaac H. Charlotte lives with Isaac on the old Hubbard estate settled by their great-grandfather in 1778.

Isaac H. Long attended the public schools and Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N.H. When his school-days were over, he spent two years in the employ of the Old Colony Railroad Company. Upon his return to Claremont he took up his residence on the old homestead, where he still lives, cultivating a part of the original farm of four hundred acres, and generally improving the estate. Mr. Long has been much in public life. In 1878 he became Selectman, and held that office for twelve years successively, being Chairman of the Board for most of the time. He has been a Justice of the Peace for some time and County Commissioner since 1891. While he is a strong Republican, he is a favorite with both parties; and he is popular among the townspeople. He has acted as guardian, administrator, and executor in settling many estates. Courteous and kind to all, with always the same genial manners, he made a model Selectman. He is a straightforward and a wise counsellor and a man of

pronounced integrity. He married Louisa M. Delano, daughter of Henry F. Delano, of Cambridge, Mass. She died April 1, 1895. Mr. Long is a member and a regular attendant of the Episcopal church.

FRANK J. FRENCH, who owns a dairy-farm in Northfield, and supplies a large milk route, was born in Gilmanton, N.H., March 30, 1855, son of Sylvester F. and Mercy E. (Hayes) French. The father, a native of Gilmanton, in early life was a shoemaker, and resided in Dover, Rochester, and Haverhill, Mass., for some years. He finally returned to Gilmanton, and is now occupying a farm on Shepard's Hill. His wife, Mercy, who was born in Strafford, N.H., has had three children — Frank J., Jeremiah S., and Eliza O. Jeremiah S. married Ida Locke, and is a carpenter in Gilmanton. Eliza O. married William Hartford. Neither is now living.

Frank J. French received his education in the Dover grammar school. Four years later he went to Concord, where he was employed in the Eagle Hotel for a year. The succeeding two years were spent at his father's farm in Gilmanton. Afterward for several years he was an overseer at the New Hampshire State Prison. In November, 1881, he purchased his present farm in Northfield. On this property, which contains one hundred and twenty-five acres of land and is especially well adapted for dairy purposes, he keeps fifteen milch cows, devoting his attention chiefly to the milk business, and supplying a large number of regular customers in Tilton.

On January 5, 1879, Mr. French was united in marriage with Nettie Munsey. She was born in Gilford, N.H., August 16, 1860, daughter of the Rev. John G. and Olive (Mooney) Munsey, of Laconia. Mr. Munsey has retired from the ministry. Mr. and Mrs. French have one son — Harold M., who was born December 31, 1884, and is now attending school in Laconia. Well-advanced in Masonry, Mr. French is a member of Doric Lodge, No. 78, of Tilton, St. Omer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Franklin, and Mount Horeb Commandery, Knights Templar, of Concord. He is also connected with Belknap Lodge, No. 18, Ancient Order of United Workmen, of Tilton. Both he and Mrs. French are members of the Free Will Baptist church.

DANIEL YEATON, one of the leading farmers of Epsom and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was born in this town, January 6, 1839, son of John Yeaton (third) and Sarah (Bickford) Yeaton. His ancestors for several generations were prosperous tillers of the soil in this State; and his great-grandfather, John Yeaton (first), was a pioneer settler in Epsom. John Yeaton (second), grandfather of Daniel, a native and lifelong resident of this town, was one of the successful farmers of his day, and owned considerable property. In politics he supported the Democratic party, and he was a member of the Congregational church. He was about eighty-one years old when he died. The first of his three marriages was contracted with Rebecca Bickford, who died when about twenty-five years old, leaving two sons, of whom John (third) was the eldest. The second marriage was made with Betsy Towle, who bore him three children, none of whom are living. The third wife was the widow of William Yeaton, who had no children.

John Yeaton (third), born in Epsom, November 29, 1804, was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed energetically and

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successfully during the active period of his life. He died at the age of seventy-six years, leaving a good estate. A prominent and influential man in the community, he took an active part in securing the election of capable town officers. At first he acted with the Free Soil party, and then became a Republican. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. His first wife, Sarah Bickford Yeaton, whom he married December 25, 1828, was a daughter of Samuel Bickford, of Epsom. She died at the age of forty-nine years, leaving six children — William, James, Daniel, Sarah E., Vienna R., and Betsey A. William married Caroline B. Tripp, of Epsom, who bore him two children: Ina, now deceased; and Alma. He enlisted in the Eighth New Hampshire Regiment, and died in the Civil War. James Yeaton wedded Martha Randall, of Deerfield, N.H., for his first wife, who bore him Edwin R. His second wife, in maidenhood Annie R. Crockett, of Concord, N.H., had three children — John C., Helen E. P., and George H. Sarah, now deceased, married James L. Bartlett, and had four daughters — Susan N., Sarah A., Lizzie E., and Nettie M. Vienna R. is now the widow of Elbridge Batchelder, late of Epsom, and has two children — George E. and Edith G. Betsey A. married for her first husband Thomas B. Robinson, of Epsom, by whom she had two children — Burt and Jennie. She is now the wife of John Brown, of Northwood, N.H. For his second wife John Yeaton (third) married Mrs. Caroline Cilly, the widow of Samuel Cilly, late of Lowell, Mass., and a sister of his first wife. The children by his second union were: Stella R., who is no longer living; and Fred W.

Daniel Yeaton attended the school in his native town, and at an early age began to assist on the farm. He has always resided at the homestead, and has given his attention to general farming. As a practical and successful agriculturist he ranks among the foremost in Epsom. He owns other valuable real estate in this town in addition to the home property. On May 8, 1872, he was united in marriage with Annie B. Rowell. She is a daughter of Asa and Abigail S. (Moulton) Rowell, late of Chichester, N.H., who were prosperous farming people. Her father lived to be sixty-nine years old, and her mother attained the age of fifty-five. Of their four children three are living, Mrs. Yeaton being the eldest. Mr. and Mrs. Yeaton have three children: Alfred D., born March 5, 1874; Minot R., born July 25, 1878; and Alice B., born July 24, 1883.

Mr. Yeaton is one of the active members of the Republican party in this section. For two years he has served as Town Treasurer, and he was elected to the Board of Selectmen in 1895. He displays an ability in public affairs that commends him to the voters irrespective of party, and he is highly esteemed as a worthy and useful citizen. Both he and Mrs. Yeaton are members of the Free Will Baptist church.

ISAAC N. ABBOTT, a prominent farmer and dairyman of Concord, was born on Dimond Hill, January 4, 1835, son of Joseph S. and Esther (Farnum) Abbott. His grandfather, Samuel Abbott, one of the early settlers, locating near Long Pond, was a farmer, and passed all his life here, witnessing during eighty years many and great changes. A mere hamlet when he came, he lived to see Concord a prosperous and progressive town and to note the promise of its present largely developed industries. The Merrimac was then a pure mountain stream unspanned by bridges; and, instead of the unceasing hum of the great factories that now

line its bank, was heard only the swish of waters or the occasional plash of a plunging of otter. Samuel Abbott married Mary Story, and she became the mother of three boys and three girls, all of whom grew to maturity. Joseph S. was his eldest son. When only fourteen years of age Joseph ran away from home, and went to West Concord, where he remained until he reached his majority. He learned carpentry, and became one of the smartest tradesmen of Concord. He built the station of the Concord Railroad that was burned some years ago, and also the machine shop, which is still in use. In 1827 he came to Dimond Hill, and there spent the latter part of his life, dying at the age of seventy-eight years. He married Esther Farnum, of West Concord, and became the father of two children: Almira F., now deceased; and Isaac N. Abbott.

Isaac N. Abbott was educated in the district schools and Hopkinton and New London Academies. After leaving school he successfully taught for four years in Hopkinton and Concord. Since then he has been a farmer, and has done quite an extensive business. In 1882 he built a fine barn, and ten years later he erected a substantial and well-finished residence. He has about thirty acres under cultivation, and besides carrying on general farming he does a large milk business. He married Martha Smith, daughter of Aaron Smith and Eliza Ann (Sherburne) Smith, of Portsmouth, and has three children — Almira F., Joseph N., and Helen S. Almira is now the wife of Alfred Clark, a Road Commissioner, and has two daughters — Esther F. and Mabel.

In politics Mr. Abbott is a Republican, and his first Presidential vote was cast for John C. Fremont in 1856. He takes a warm interest in all public affairs, and has held numerous public offices of trust and responsibility. He was in the Common Council in 1864 and 1865, and was its President for one year. In 1875 he was Alderman, and in 1887 he represented the town in the legislature. He has been on the School Board for fourteen years, and he was school district clerk for forty years, probably holding that office longer than any other man in the State.

JAMES LUTHER JENNA, a successful farmer and esteemed resident of Langdon, is a native of Worcester, Mass. He was born April 20, 1861, son of George W. and Mary (Harriman) Jenna. James Jenna, father of George W., born in the town of Grantham, Sullivan County, followed the occupation of farmer. He married Hannah Cram, who bore him three children — George W., Julia, and Luther. Julia died at the age of twenty, and Luther died in childhood.

George W. Jenna, who was born in Pomfret, Vt., February 2, 1833, and spent the greater part of his life in Washington County, Vermont, was a carpenter and a farmer. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Company G, Sixth Vermont Regiment, and served in the Civil War until July, 1865, participating in the battle of Cedar Creek and a number of other engagements. He was an attendant of the Congregational church. His wife, Mary Harriman Jenna, was born in Charlotte, Vt., November 30, 1833, and is still living. She bore her husband nine children; namely, George B., James L., Carl W., Martha V., William R., Martin I., Horace V., Mary M., and Myrtie L. George B., a farmer, is married, lives in Langdon, and has one child. Carl W., a plumber in Leominster, Mass., is married and has one child. Martha V. is the wife of James E. Pierce, a railroad man living

in Fitchburg, Mass., and has two children. William R., a farmer of Langdon, is married and has two children. Martin I., a plumber in Fitchburg, Mass., is unmarried. Horace V., unmarried, is engaged in farming in Langdon. Mary M. is the wife of George Williams, a farmer of Langdon, and has no children. And Myrtie L., the wife of Milton Dodge, a farmer of Acworth, N.H., has no children.

James Luther Jenna received his education in Duxbury, Vt., after which he worked out on farms for six years. Since then he has successfully conducted a farm of his own. He came to Langdon eight years ago. In September, 1889, Mr. Jenna married Mrs. Viona E. Chase, widow of March Chase, who was a wealthy farmer and an influential resident of Langdon. She is a daughter of Moses Knight, of Langdon, and was born in Chester, Vt., July 4, 1858. She had a twin sister named Viola A. Knight. Mr. and Mrs. Jenna are the parents of three children, namely: Irving L., born June 16, 1890; Mildred A., born October 23, 1891; and Burton L., born October 17, 1894.

HON. JAMES B. TENNANT, one of the most prominent business men of Epsom and an ex-member of the New Hampshire Senate, was born in Deerfield, N.H., May 26, 1847, son of Arthur and Ruth O. (Sanborn) Tennant. He comes of English stock. His great-grandfather was an early settler in Portsmouth, N.H. Thomas Tennant, the grandfather, who was born in Haverhill, N.H., April 10, 1771, owned and cultivated farms in Wentworth and Hampton, N.H., during the active period of his life. His last days were passed in Wentworth, and he was about eighty years old when he died. He married Sarah Goodwin, who, born in Wentworth, March 12, 1777, died at the age of seventy-six. He and his wife reared seven children, of whom Arthur, James B. Tennant's father, was the third-born. Of these the only survivor is William, who married Harriet Libby, of Rumney, N.H., and has three children — Ira, Helen, and Lula.

Arthur Tennant was born in Wentworth, September 18, 1812. When a very young man he learned the cooper's trade, which he afterward followed in connection with farming. At first he settled in Pembroke. Later he moved to Epsom and then to Deerfield, where he continued to till the soil for several years. He was largely interested in the live-stock business, and was also engaged in lumbering to some extent. He was a man of considerable prominence in public affairs, having served as a Selectman and in other town offices; and he was one of the first supporters of the Republican party in this State. His death, which occurred in Pembroke, April 9, 1880, caused general regret, as he was highly esteemed as an able and upright business man. His remains were interred in Deerfield. Arthur Tennant first married Ruth O. Sanborn, daughter of John Sanborn, a pioneer settler of Deerfield. Of the ten children born to this union, two are living — Emma O. and James B. Emma O. is the widow of Charles B. Fowler, late of Pembroke; and her son, Alvah T. Fowler, is now a student at Dartmouth College. For his second wife Arthur Tennant married Lizzie Fellows, of Deerfield, who had no children. Both he and his first wife were members of the Free Will Baptist church.

James B. Tennant acquired his early education in the common schools of Deerfield. Subsequently he was a pupil of the Pembroke Academy and the New Hampton Institute, duly graduating from the latter school. In

1869 he established himself in general mercantile business in Epsom, and now conducts a well-stocked country store. He is also extensively engaged in the lumber business as a member of the firms of Tripp & Tennant & Tripp and Fellows & Tennant. One of the firms controls large tracts of timber land in New Hampshire and Vermont, and also owns and operates saw-mills in various places for the manufacture of lumber. Another enterprise of Mr. Tennant's is brick-making, which he carries on in Pembroke. He is a director of several insurance companies and of the Suncook Valley Railroad. He has been station agent at Short Falls since 1869, and is now one of the oldest station agents on the Concord & Montreal Railway. From 1870 to 1889 he was Postmaster at Short Falls. This position he resigned when elected to the State Senate, and Mrs. Tennant has since held that appointment. In politics Mr. Tennant is a Republican. From 1882 to 1888 he was one of the Commissioners of Merrimack County. He was elected a State Senator in 1889, and was a member of the House of Representatives for the years 1891 and 1892, taking part in the last annual and the first biennial session of the legislature. He has never sought for a town office; but after the death of the Town Treasurer, who was elected to serve the present year, he was persuaded to take charge of the town's finances for the unexpired term.

On February 10, 1873, Mr. Tennant was united in marriage with Ella M. Fowler. She is a daughter of Samuel and Elvira N. (Critchett) Fowler, of Epsom, who had six children, of whom there are living — James W., Horace, and Josie M. Mr. and Mrs. Tennant have no children. Mr. Tennant is a Mason of the thirty-second degree. He has occupied all the important chairs in Evergreen Lodge, I. O. O. F., Epsom, and was its Secretary for several years; and he is a member of the local grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. In the course of his life he has visited nearly every State in the Union, including the extreme southern part and the Pacific slope, thereby greatly enhancing his knowledge of the wealth and business possibilities of the country.

COLONEL RUFUS P. COPPS, a veteran agriculturist of Hopkinton, and one of its most honored and respected citizens, was born January 13, 1818, in Haverhill, Mass., a son of Moses and Mary (George) Copps. It is said that this branch of the family originated with a little boy who was found wandering around the streets of Boston, finely dressed in velvet clothes, and who, it is supposed, was put ashore from an English vessel in the harbor. He could give no name, but was adopted by a man named Copp, from whom Copp's Hill, at the North End in Boston, was named. John Copp, a descendant of this little waif, was a lifelong farmer of Plaistow, N.H., where he married a Miss Sarah Pollard.

Moses Copps was a shoe manufacturer in Haverhill, Mass., for some years. In 1820 he removed to New Hampshire, living first for a year in Dunbarton, and then coming to Hopkinton, where, with the exception of one year spent in Weare, he was engaged in farming on land lying just south of the present home of Colonel Copps. In 1842 he and the Colonel bought the present homestead property, which then had many of the buildings now standing. The house, erected about eighty years ago by the Silver family, was made from brick manufactured on the farm by the Silvers, and is now the only brick residence in Hopkinton. Moses Copps afterward lived retired on this farm until his demise in

1863, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. He had a large family of children, namely: Emeline, who married Daniel Bailey, and removed to Augusta, Me.; Sarah Jane, who became the wife of Ignatius W. Fellows, a jeweller, of Hopkinton; Abigail M., who married John Clement, of West Amesbury, now Merrimac, Mass., and has a son, Jacob Melvin Clement, the manager of Colonel Copps's farm for the past two years; Mary, who married Jonathan B. Emerson, of this town, and died in Washington, N.H.; Elizabeth, who married Henry D. White, of Penacook, and died in Concord, N.H.; Rufus P., the subject of this sketch; Harriet, who is the wife of Jonathan Severance, of Washington, N.H.; Florantha, who died in childhood; Ellen M., who died soon after her marriage with the Rev. Mr. Smith, a Baptist minister; and Myra Frances, who is the wife of George W. Pierce, and resides in Henniker. The mother survived her husband about ten years, dying at the age of eighty-three.

Rufus P. Copps was reared and educated in Hopkinton, having been but three years old when his parents came here. After attaining his majority, he spent some time in Amesbury, Mass., and then went, after a short visit with his parents, to Bethlehem, N.Y., where he taught school one entire year and for two or three winter terms after he had begun farming. In 1841 he returned to the parental roof, and soon bought his present estate in company with his father. For ten years thereafter he spent his winters as heretofore, teaching in near-by schools, often receiving but fifty cents a day for his services, and boarding at home. Later, when the crops had all been harvested, he worked winters at bottoming shoes as long as the business continued profitable; and, being at home, he took care of the cattle, and performed the necessary farm chores at the same time. It was his practice to buy stock ready cut from the large manufacturers of leather, and sell the shoes together at so much a pair, the price usually averaging eight or nine dollars for a set of sixty pairs. He has also been engaged to some extent in lumbering, and of late years he has made a specialty of dairying. At the age of eighteen he joined the Rifle Militia Company, in which he served first as Orderly Sergeant. Afterward he became successively Adjutant of the regiment, Major, Lieutenant Colonel, and finally Colonel of the Fortieth New Hampshire Regiment, which command he held for two years. The Fortieth was composed of some of the brightest and bravest men of the towns of Hopkinton, Henniker, and Warner.

Colonel R. P. Copps has always been a Democrat in politics and an earnest supporter of his party. He has been a subscriber of the *Patriot* since it was established, having prior to that time taken *Hill's Patriot*, the leading organ of the Democratic party. For three successive years from 1858 he was Selectman of his town; and in 1861 he was a Representative to the General Court, where though he was not a public speaker he did efficient work on different committees. He has likewise served for some years as Justice of the Peace.

On September 14, 1843, Colonel Copps married Miss Melissa Flanders, who was born in Bradford, N.H., daughter of Nathaniel and Betsey (Wright) Flanders. She died September 15, 1894, aged seventy-three years, leaving no children. Although Colonel and Mrs. Copps were not parents, they nearly always had some child in their household to whom they gave the same care and advantages they would to an own son. One of these was James M. Putnam, who lived with them from

the age of fourteen till he was twenty-one, and is now receiving one thousand dollars a year as manager of a farm in Andover, Mass. Another was John Brown, who lived in the household from the age of sixteen to twenty, and who is now in Michigan. Arthur M. Dustin, a blacksmith of Contoocook, who went to live at the Colonel's when he was a little fellow of nine years, still remains with him, and now owns the homestead. He has likewise had several other boys in his family, to each of whom he gave a good home, and otherwise sedulously cared for.

BENJAMIN HENRY FULLER, one of Plainfield's most extensive farmers and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, February 20, 1848, son of Benjamin L. and Persis C. (Freeman) Fuller. His grandfather, Benjamin Fuller, who was a native of Connecticut, moved with his family to Plainfield early in the present century. Grandfather Benjamin married Rachel Boyd, who was also born in Connecticut. Their children were: Naomi, Esther, James, and Benjamin L. Naomi died at the age of twenty years; Esther married Cranston Lewin, a native of Connecticut, who followed farming and butchering in this town, and she reared a family; James was blind from the age of fourteen until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-one years old.

Benjamin L. Fuller, father of Benjamin H., was born in Connecticut in June, 1802. He was educated in the schools of Plainfield and Lebanon, N.H.; and he assisted his father upon the farm until he became its owner by purchase. He was quite extensively engaged in raising cattle for the home market and for the Brighton market in Massachusetts. He also raised sheep and horses. A man of unusual energy and industry, and giving his entire time to his business, he accumulated considerable wealth. His death, which occurred in 1878, was mourned as the loss of an honorable, upright man and a useful citizen. Absorbed in his business affairs, he took no part in politics. He attended the Baptist church. A member of the Masonic Lodge at Cornish Flat, he was buried with the rites of that fraternity. His wife, Persis, who was born in Cornish, N.H., in 1805, had seven children, namely: Sarah, born March 2, 1831; Ann, who died when eight months old; Maria, born November 9, 1833; Alfred, born April 15, 1837, who died in infancy; Laura, born April 22, 1839; Julia, born April 8, 1842; and Benjamin H., the subject of this sketch. Sarah married Augustus Hodgeman, of Vermont, a prosperous farmer, and had four sons; Maria became the wife of William Ward, a farmer of Plainfield, and had six children, four of whom are living; Laura died in 1861; and Julia married Albert Gilson, an industrious farmer of Hartland, Vt., and had eight children, of whom five are living. Mrs. Benjamin L. Fuller died in 1884.

After completing his education at the Kimball Union Academy, Benjamin Henry Fuller immediately began to assist in carrying on the farm. Since the death of his father he has managed the property. As the result of his early training and practical experience his farming has been most profitable. The estate, containing nearly three hundred acres of land, is one of the few farms along the banks of the Connecticut River that has not been purchased for summer residences by wealthy men from New York or Boston. The buildings are among the finest in this section; and the house, which is built upon high ground overlooking the village of Hartland, Vt., com-

mands a view of the adjacent mountains and valleys.

On February 22, 1869, Mr. Fuller was united in marriage with Julia E. Egglestone, born May 4, 1848, daughter of Lorenzo Egglestone, of Boston. Aden Leroy Fuller, the only child of this union, was born November 14, 1871. After finishing his education at White River Junction, Vt., he entered the service of the Fitchburg Railroad Company as a fireman. He is now a locomotive engineer in the yard of that company in Boston. He is widely known among railroad men, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He married Bertha Harrington, of Groton, Mass., daughter of Albert Harrington, of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Aden L. Fuller attend the Baptist church. Mr. Benjamin H. Fuller is a Democrat in politics. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for three years, and for two years of that time he was its Chairman. He represented this town in the legislature in 1891, serving therein upon the Committee on Education. One of the most active and influential leaders in local affairs, he has the esteem and confidence of his fellow-townsmen.

GEORGE W. RICE, one of Henniker's most able and prosperous farmers, was born in this town, January 17, 1825, son of Jacob and Louisa (Howe) Rice. His grandfather, Elijah Rice, a Revolutionary patriot, was an early settler in Henniker. An account of his parents and of the ancestry of Elijah Rice will be found in the biography of Harrison A. Rice, which appears elsewhere in this work. George W. Rice passed his youth in attending school and working upon the farm. He was still young when his parents moved to the property now owned and occupied by his brother, Harrison A. Rice. At the age of twenty-one he went to Manchester, N.H., where he worked at butchering for two years. Upon his return to Henniker he bought a small farm, which is now the home of W. B. Barnes. A short time later he entered the meat business, selling at wholesale in the Manchester market and conducting a retail business in this town. While carrying on the butcher business for nine years, he gradually got a foothold in lumbering. At length he sold his farm and business to W. B. Barnes, and thereafter, for nearly forty years, gave his whole time to that industry. Besides cutting and hauling the timber, he operated a saw-mill at Hillsborough Bridge for several years; and he retired from that business some three years ago. Earlier in his life he purchased a farm on the outskirts of the village, and resided upon it until 1874. Then he again took up his residence in the village, but continued engaged in agriculture. He still gives his personal attention to his property. In all he owns seven hundred acres, which include his farm of one hundred and fifteen acres, two other tracts, and some timber land. Several tenements at Hillsborough Bridge are also his property. For several years he was engaged in furnishing railroad ties, piles, etc.; and he dealt in cattle, which he sold in Manchester, Nashua, and Lowell.

On June 6, 1848, Mr. Rice was united in marriage with Abbie Colby, daughter of Levi and Betsey Colby, of Henniker. She died July 4, 1893, leaving four children. These were: Susan L., who married George C. Bunting, of Manchester; Nellie A., who is the widow of Walter Prestin, and resides in this town; James G., who is now engaged in farming in Hopkinton, N.H.; and Edwin, who resides at home. In politics Mr. Rice is a Republican. For many years he was a prominent party leader. Upon many occasions he

saved the party from defeat by his own personal exertions. When Representative to the legislature in 1868 and 1869, he rendered able services to his constituents and the community in general. A self-made man, he has shown that energy and ability properly applied will overcome the most adverse circumstances. He fully merits the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow-townsmen.

CURTIS W. BENNETT, one of the busy farmers and prominent residents of Pittsfield, was born in Epsom, N.H., January 1, 1832. His parents were Jeremiah and Betsey (Marden) Bennett, natives respectively of New Hampton and Epsom. Daniel Bennett, grandfather of Curtis W., was a lifelong resident of New Hampton. He owned a good farm, and was occupied in its cultivation until his death, which occurred when he was fifty years old. Politically, he supported the Democratic party; and in his religious views he was a Free Will Baptist. He and his wife reared a family of six children.

Jeremiah Bennett attended school in his native town. After finishing his studies, he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade. He settled in Epsom, where he followed his trade for many years, and was also engaged in farming. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Betsey, became the mother of five children, of whom Curtis W., the subject of this sketch, is the only one living. Jeremiah Bennett was seventy-eight years old at his death, and his wife lived to be seventy-six. They attended the Free Will Baptist church.

Curtis W. Bennett was educated in Epsom. He then learned the shoemaker's trade, and afterward followed it in his native town for several years, together with farming. In 1863 he moved to Pittsfield, and has since devoted his time exclusively to agricultural pursuits. He owns seventy acres of desirable land, thirty acres of which is under tillage and is very fertile. On July 9, 1863, Mr. Bennett wedded Mrs. Caroline Berry, widow of John Berry, late of Pittsfield. By her first union Mrs. Bennett has two daughters — Georgia and May A. Georgia is the wife of the Rev. R. S. Mitchell, of Stoneham, Mass., and has one son — Guy. May A. is now Mrs. Benjamin Lane, of Lynn, Mass., and has one son — Roy. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett have four children; namely Alice E., John C., Charles W., and Frank E.

As a supporter of the Democratic party Mr. Bennett is quite active in local public affairs, and he has served upon the Board of Selectmen and in the office of Road Surveyor. He is a Methodist in his religious views, and Mrs. Bennett is a Calvinist Baptist. His son, John C. Bennett, is a member of Catamount Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of Pittsfield.

GEORGE W. S. DOW, an enterprising box manufacturer of Henniker and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was born in this town, March 9, 1841, son of Jonathan and Anna P. (Peaslee) Dow. Jonathan Dow, Sr., who was a son of David Dow, of Weare, N.H., settled in Henniker at the beginning of the present century. On December 23, 1807, he married Sally Plummer, a native of this town. Jonathan Dow, Jr., the father of George W. S., born in Henniker, December 5, 1814, became a prosperous farmer and a successful lumberman, and resided here until his death, which occurred February 5, 1873. His wife Anna, whom he married September 29, 1836, was a

native of Weare, Hillsborough County. She became the mother of five children, namely: Ann Maria, who married John Garland; George W. S., the subject of this sketch; Jackson P.; John F.; and Mary E.

George W. S. Dow resided at home and assisted upon the farm until he was twenty-one years old. He then began work by the day for Hiram Davis, with whom he remained one year. He next entered the employ of Horace Gibson, a mackerel kit manufacturer, and some years later became a partner in the business. In 1890, after the death of his partner, he bought of John Gutterson a box-mill located near the kit factory, and has since been engaged in manufacturing shoe cases. The mill privilege he owns was first utilized as far back as 1766, when Silas Barnes began the construction of a dam, and completed it in 1773. In 1774 a saw-mill was erected here by Barnes, who later sold it to Captain Timothy Gibson. The latter built a permanent dam, put in stones, and ran a saw and grist mill, with Eben Howe as the first miller. Since Timothy Gibson's time the mills have been owned by Daniel Kimball, William M. Davis, Lieutenant Joel Howe, Captain James Yaulding, Micah Howe, Oliver Jacobs, Adams & Silver, Joseph P. Dow, and John Gutterson. About 1820 Timothy Sprague erected a carding-mill close by Mr. Dow's lower mill, so that the same millrace served for both. Sprague sold it to Morrison & Woods, from whom it passed in turn to Luther Hathorn, S. Little, Silas Barnes, Sylvanus Sumner, Jacob Lancaster, John Niel, and Hiram M. Davis. Davis converted it into a powder keg manufactory in 1852, and some years later sold it to Horace Gibson. Here, in company with Gibson and William Abbott, Mr. Dow, its present owner, manufactured large quantities of mackerel kits. Mr. Dow makes shoe boxes, which he ships by the carload to various factories. He uses annually from one hundred thousand to one hundred and eighty thousand feet of lumber, which he cuts and saws himself. He also saws building material, all the pieces of which are marked and numbered and ready to put together. In politics he is a Democrat. He was a Representative to the legislature in 1880 and 1881, during which time he served upon the Committee on the Normal School. He is a prominent figure in the district, county, and State conventions, is Chairman of the Town Committee, and has been a Selectman for the past nine years, being at the present time the Chairman of the Board. That his public services are duly appreciated is indicated by the fact that Henniker contains a Republican majority of from twenty-five to seventy-five votes.

On November 9, 1862, Mr. Dow was united in marriage with Mary L. Hoyt, daughter of Nathan Hoyt, a cooper by trade. She is a native of Bradford, N.H., but has resided in this town for the greater part of her life. Mr. and Mrs. Dow are the parents of seven children; namely, George H., William E., Charles H., Orrin H., Fred D., Blanche M., and Percy D. Mr. Dow has filled all of the principal chairs in Crescent Lodge, I. O. O. F., and has been a member of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. Mrs. Dow is a member of the Lodge of the Daughters of Rebecca.

FRANCIS MORRILL CUTTING, who died on November 15, 1888, was a valued citizen of Newport, Sullivan County. He was born in the neighboring town of Croydon, November 28, 1825, a son of Francis and Keziah (Hudson) Cutting. His grandfather, Benjamin Cutting, who enlisted in the Continental army when a young man,

was one of the first settlers of Croydon. Francis Cutting, son of Benjamin, was born in Croydon, and there spent his life of seventy-eight years. He owned about five hundred acres of land, and was extensively engaged in farming and stock-raising. His first wife, Keziah Hudson, a native of Goshen, N.H., died at the age of seventy-six; and he subsequently married Miss Mary Rollins. By the first wife he had nine children, by the second two; and of the whole family seven are now living.

Francis Morrill Cutting grew up on a farm, acquiring his education in the schools of his native town. After reaching man's estate, he engaged in farming and cattle-raising, purchasing land in the western part of Newport. A wise manager, square in his dealings, and a good practical farmer, he had a valuable property, comprising some five hundred acres, his farm in Newport alone covering one hundred acres. In politics Mr. Cutting was a Democrat, in religious belief a Methodist. He was a man of sterling character, conscientious and honest, and was respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Cutting was married July 25, 1855, to Hannah A., daughter of Dimmick and Hannah (Colby) Baker. She was born in Meriden, N.H., October 4, 1832. Mrs. Cutting is a member of an old New England family. Her ancestors came from England. Joseph Baker was born April 13, 1678, and lived to a ripe old age. He married Hannah Pomroy, July 8, 1702. She died, leaving two children; and he married Abigail Bissell, who bore him nine children. The Hon. Dr. Oliver Baker, a son of Joseph Baker by his second wife, was Mrs. Cutting's grandfather. He was born in Tolland, Conn., and was one of the early settlers of Meriden, N.H. He died October 3, 1811. His brother served in the Revolutionary War, and was taken prisoner by the British and nearly starved, having nothing but raw frozen turnips to eat while confined in an old church in New York. He offered his silver watch for another turnip, but was refused. When he was released, Oliver carried him home, some of the way on his back. He afterward died of small-pox.

Dr. Oliver Baker married, November 23, 1780, Dorcas Dimmick, who died October 19, 1849. They were the parents of ten children. Dimmick Baker was born in Meriden, March 18, 1793. A shrewd business man, a good farmer, a successful stock dealer, and a prosperous merchant, he amassed a large estate for those days. He died at the age of eighty-three. His wife, Hannah Colby, was born February 7, 1794, and died March 17, 1856. They were the parents of five children — Elias, Edward, Hannah, Helen F., and Cyrus E. Three of these are living: Mrs. Hannah A. Cutting, of Newport, N.H.; Dr. Cyrus E. Baker, of Claremont, N.H.; and Mrs. Helen F. Cutting, of Newport, N.H. The Baker homestead, a grand old place, located near Kimball Union Academy, where all the children received a liberal education, all becoming teachers, is now owned by the fifth generation. Dimmick Baker was a Republican. He was connected with the Congregational church.

Mrs. Hannah A. Baker Cutting has resided in the village of Newport since 1892. She still owns the farm which her husband cultivated, retaining it for the sake of old associations. An active and liberal member of the Methodist church, she gave the electric lights now used in the church edifice, and was instrumental in making the present parsonage a part of the church property. She has long been active in Sunday-school matters, and has served as President of the Ladies' Aid Soci-

ety, being a woman with powerful will for the right everywhere. It is almost needless to add that she wins the esteem of all with whom she is brought in contact.

HENRY C. BARTLETT, a leading farmer of Hill, N.H., was born in this town, July 25, 1845. Mr. Bartlett's family traces its ancestry back to Colonial times. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Bartlett, was born in Plaistow, N.H., August 15, 1775, married June 3, 1801, and came from that town to Hill on horseback, with his wife, Ruth Gile Bartlett, mounted behind, in the fashion of that early day. He settled on Mason Hill, where he built a small house and took up a large tract of wild land. Full of the stirring progressive spirit of the pioneer, he was soon able to put up a larger frame house; and he had an extensive farm well cleared before his death. He lived to be seventy-nine years old, and had nine children —Susan, Ezekiel, Sally, Moses, Gertrude, Ruth, Huldah, Daniel, and John, of whom the only survivor is Daniel, who resides in Saginaw, Mich., where he has erected several fine residences. Susan and Sally were successful school teachers.

Moses Bartlett, second son of Daniel and Ruth, received his education in the public schools of Hill, and then went to Massachusetts, where he was engaged in the stone-cutting business for four years. At the end of this time he returned to his native town and bought a farm on Dickerson Hill. Later he sold that place and purchased the Colonel Ray estate, where his son, Henry C., was born. He repaired the buildings of this property and spent the remainder of his life here, passing away at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Having embraced religion early in life, he ever maintained a strictly religious integrity, dying in full triumph of his faith. His wife Charlotte, the daughter of Moses Webster, was forty-six years old when she died. Her father is said to have been a distant kinsman of the great Daniel Webster. Moses and Charlotte (Webster) Bartlett had six children, namely: Samuel W., whose residence is situated on Franklin Street, Concord, N.H., who has been a faithful employee of the Northern Railroad for over thirty years; Cyrus W., who lives in Franklin, N.H., near the Kendrick farm; LaRoy D., not living; Henry C.; Ella R., whose home is in Methuen, Mass.; and John W., of Hill Centre.

Henry C., the fourth son as the names are here given, was educated in the district schools. He began work with the late J. P. Jones in Georgetown, Mass., who for many years was one of the leading lawyers of Haverhill, Mass., but afterward returned to his home in Hill and purchased the old homestead of two hundred acres.

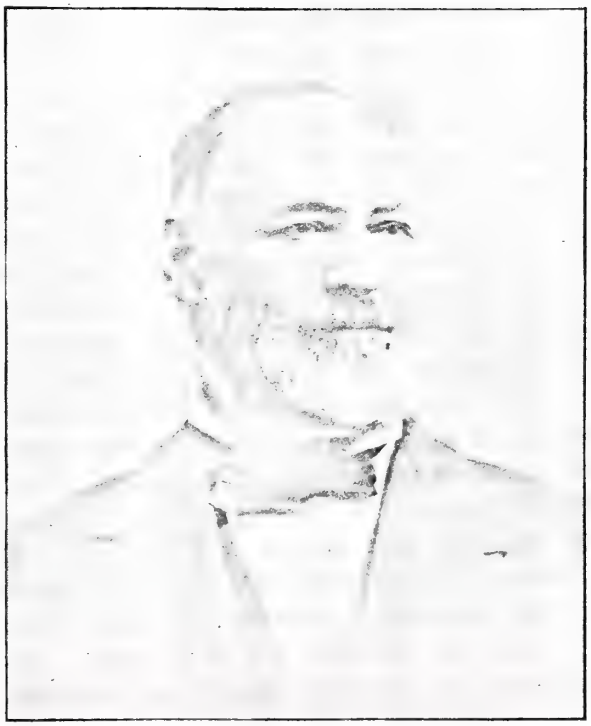
Mr. Bartlett married Etta Louise, the only daughter of Daniel B. and Mary (Dearborn) Bartlett, March 11, 1875. He devotes himself diligently to his farm and home, and is also faithful to his duties as a citizen. In politics he is a stanch Republican, having cast his first Presidential vote for General Grant in 1868. He has been an officer of the School Board of Hill and a Commissioner of Highways, is a member of the Congregational church, and is ever found a person of open mind and honest convictions.

GEORGE H. FAIRBANKS, a farmer of Newport, was born in Francestown, N.H., June 4, 1830, son of Jabez and Sally (Bixby) Fairbanks. The father, born in Francestown, N.H., February

24, 1788, lived there for some time, carrying on general farming and working at his trade of millwright, and holding communion with the Congregational church. He was a great temperance man. In politics he was a Republican, and he was a Selectman of Francestown. In 1840 he removed to Newport, where he remained during the latter part of his life. Here he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. For his first wife he married Sally Bixby on January 2, 1814. She was born January 29, 1782, and died in 1839, December 2. For his second wife he married Polly Bixby, a sister of his first wife. He died May 10, 1874, having survived his second wife, whose death occurred January 26, 1863. By the first marriage there were five children, namely: Elmira, born December 18, 1814, who died May 30, 1846; Sarah A., born December 16, 1818, who died in April, 1885; Eliza J., born March 5, 1821, who died August 30 in the same year; Mary E., born January 29, 1826, who died October 12, 1873; and George H., the subject of this sketch.

George H. Fairbanks came to Newport when but nine years of age, and there subsequently received the larger part of his education. While his principal occupation has been general farming, he worked at a trade in the village of Newport for a period of twenty years. On his farm of one hundred and fifty acres, most of which is under cultivation, he has made many improvements. In politics he is a Republican. He has served in the State legislature both as Representative and Senator, and he has been a County Commissioner since 1893. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Sugar River Lodge. On October 19, 1853, he married Eunice Chapin, who died March 12, 1854. He contracted a second marriage November 19, 1855, with Helen M. Nourse, who was born August 18, 1829, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Wilson) Nourse, of Acworth, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks have been active members of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years. Their four children are: Charles H., Mary H., George A., and Burton E. Of these children Charles H. was born November 28, 1856, and lives in Newport. He married Emma L. Howe, February 1, 1881, and they have three children — M. Gertrude, Arthur R., and Alice E. George A., born March 24, 1863, belongs to the firm of Fairbanks Brothers of Rochester, N.H. On October 12, 1885, he married Margaret A. Gilmore, of Newport, and now has three children — Helen M., Marion S., and Harold G. Mary H., born January 26, 1861, died August 1, 1863; and Burton E., born November 15, 1870, died November 16, 1889. Mr. Fairbanks, Sr., has been a stirring, active man all his life; and he enjoys the esteem of his fellow-townsmen.

SILAS P. THOMPSON, an extensive farmer of Franklin, was born in this town, March 11, 1842, son of Andrew C. and Eliza (Perkins) Thompson. His father, who was born in Franklin in 1804, spent his active period in agriculture, and passed his last days in Andover, N.H., where he died in 1892. His mother, who was born in Kennebunkport, Me., in 1806, died in 1846. She was the first wife of his father, who after her death contracted a second marriage with Mehitable S. Harvey, of Sanbornton, N.H. Mehitable Thompson died December 29, 1886. The seven children of Andrew C. Thompson were: Oliver M., Thomas P., Addie W., Henry M., Silas P., Maria H., and Sarah Elizabeth, all born of his first union. Oliver M., who is now a



HON. HENRY P. ROLFE.

stone-cutter of Concord, N.H., married for his first wife Abbie Moody, who died in 1866. The maiden name of his second wife was Abbie Flanders. Thomas P., who is engaged in farming in Tilton, N.H., married Alice C. Cutler. Addie W. is now the wife of F. Locke, a farmer of Bristol, N.H. Maria H. is the wife of Charles M. Thompson, a farmer of Stratham, N.H. Henry M., who married Selina Sleeper, is a prosperous farmer in Andover, N.H. Sarah Elizabeth died at the age of twenty-two years.

Silas P. Thompson acquired a common-school education, and resided at home until twenty-two years old. He was for a time engaged in teaching school in Salisbury, N.H. Then he went to Minneapolis, Minn. During his residence there he was in the insurance business for some time, and was Street Commissioner for four years. Upon his return to Franklin he settled on the Colby farm, and has since given his attention to general farming. He has improved the property, which contains two hundred acres, and in addition to raising the usual crops he runs a dairy and breeds horses. On November 16, 1873, he was united in marriage with Martha A. Colby, who was born in Franklin, June 7, 1841, daughter of Ezekiel and Tabitha (Smith) Colby. Mrs. Thompson is the mother of five children, as follows: Ernest O., born December 23, 1874, now engaged in agricultural pursuits in Franklin; Grace M., the wife of Vernon B. Blake, of this town; Minneola, born May 28, 1879, who is attending school in New Hampton, N.H.; Luther C., born July 21, 1881, who is at home; and Katie L., born February 23, 1888, also at home. Politically, Mr. Thompson is independent. While residing in Salisbury he was a member of the School Committee, and he is now a Justice of the Peace. He is connected with the grange in Hill. Mrs. Thompson is a member of the Christian church.

HENRY PEARSON ROLFE, a prominent lawyer of Concord, N.H., was born in Boscawen, this State, February 13, 1821. His parents were Benjamin and Margaret (Searles) Rolfe. Benjamin Rolfe, Sr., his paternal grandfather, was one of the early settlers of Boscawen, whither he came in 1769 all the way from Newbury, Mass., on horseback. His wife rode behind him on a pillion, and their housekeeping and personal necessaries were carried on the same horse, this being the ordinary method of travelling in those early Colonial times in New England. She returned alone through Chester, N.H., and left him in the forest to begin the pioneer work of clearing, planting, and building. The new home in Boscawen was soon established, and they there spent the remainder of their lives. The Rev. Jonathan Searles, Mr. Rolfe's grandfather on the maternal side, was a graduate of Harvard College and the first minister ever settled in the town of Salisbury. He baptized Daniel Webster and his brothers and sisters. Margaret Searles, afterward Mrs. Rolfe, attended the district school with the future Statesman, and was his warm personal friend.

Benjamin Rolfe, the younger, was a man of versatile parts, and carried on the occupations of carpentering, pump-making, and farming. About the year 1840 he removed his residence from Boscawen to the town of Hill, N.H., where he purchased a farm and passed the remaining seventeen years of his life. He died at the age of eighty-four. By his wife, Margaret Searles, daughter of the clergyman mentioned above, he became the father of a family of three children; namely, Enoch S., Henry

Pearson, and Charles B. Henry Pearson Rolfe is the only one of the three now surviving. Charles B. Rolfe, his younger brother, caught the gold fever at the time of the discovery of the precious metal in California, went out to that State among the famous pioneers of 1849, and died there soon after arriving.

Henry P. Rolfe in his youth attended the district schools of Boscawen and the New Hampton Literary Institution, and then entered Dartmouth College, where he was graduated in the class of 1848. Immediately entering upon the study of the law in the office of Judge Fowler, of Concord, he was admitted to the Merrimack County bar in May, 1851, and continued in the active exercise of his chosen profession in Concord until some time in the year 1882, when he met with a painful carriage accident, in which he was badly kicked in the head by an unruly horse and sustained severe injuries to his back. This disaster brought on a severe attack of nervous prostration, which compelled him to relinquish the greater part of his large legal practice and from which he has never entirely recovered.

He married Mary Rebecca Sherburne, the daughter of Robert H. and Ruth (Kimball) Sherburne, of Concord. They have had a family of five children, of whom only two survive to-day; namely, Robert H. and George H. Robert H. Rolfe, the elder surviving son, married Grace Stearns, the daughter of ex-Governor Onslow Stearns, of New Hampshire, and has one child — Onslow S., born January 16, 1895. George H. Rolfe, the younger son, married Bertha O. Cawley, of Hill, N.H., and has one son — Hamilton Cawley, born December 6, 1894.

Mr. Henry P. Rolfe was an active Democrat in the exciting *ante bellum* times, and cast his first Presidential vote for General Lewis Cass in 1848. He served as a delegate to the Baltimore Democratic National Convention that nominated Stephen A. Douglas, "the little Giant," for President of the United States; and he was himself nominated as an elector. In a public meeting held at Concord Mr. Rolfe introduced Senator Douglas to the people of New Hampshire in a speech that the latter characterized as "one of the happiest introductions" he had ever had. Upon the firing on Fort Sumter at Charleston, S.C., the first overt act of the Southerners that opened the Civil War, Mr. Rolfe left the Democratic party, and thenceforth and forever transferred his allegiance and political support to the Republicans. By his character and ability he has won the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens, who returned him as their chosen Representative to the New Hampshire legislature in the years 1853, 1863, and 1864. In 1854 he was elected a member of the Board of Education, and the ensuing year its President. In 1869 he was appointed by President Grant United States District Attorney for the district of New Hampshire, and he occupied the office five years. Mr. Rolfe has always been a man who practised the strictest temperance in all his personal habits, never having used tobacco or strong drink in the course of his life.

In religion he is an Episcopalian, and is a communicant of St. Paul's Church in Concord. At one period of his life he was an active member of the old Dartmouth "Phalanx," training on the right of the regiment and right of his company as the tallest man. He belongs to the fraternal organizations of the Temple of Honor and the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers, and was the first Governor of the first order of the latter lodge ever established in the State of New Hampshire. Mr. Rolfe was a sympathetic and active partici-

pant, up to the time of his accident, in all matters relating to the welfare and higher development of Concord; and his enforced retirement from public affairs while still in the midst of his usefulness has occasioned much regret among his fellow-citizens.

COLONEL GEORGE H. DANA, a retired East India merchant residing in Newport, N.H., was born in Boston, September 2, 1837. Son of the late Francis Dana, Jr., M.D., for many years a practising physician in Boston and Cambridge, he comes of old and honored Colonial stock, being a member of the Massachusetts family of this name that has given to the country so many citizens of worth and distinction. In an article recently published in *Munsey's Magazine* it is well stated that "of all American families there are few that can compare, in number of men eminent in various spheres, with the Danas." Its founder was Richard Dana, who settled at Cambridge, Mass., about 1640. Continuing the quotation: "The lives and records of those of his progeny who have perpetuated the family name are interwoven with the very life of the nation. They were soldiers and statesmen; hands that helped to lay the corner-stone of the republic; patriots who rallied at Bunker Hill, who responded again to the call of freedom in 1812, and who in our Civil War hastened to attest their right to the family name by a display of the heroic spirit of their sires."

Daniel Dana, the fourth son of Richard, owned at one time the greater part of Cambridge. This possession was divided among his children. Richard, the son of Daniel, was a prominent jurist and patriot. He died in 1772. His son Francis, Sr., was the first Chief Justice of Massachusetts, and was first United States Minister to Russia. He married Elizabeth, daughter of William Ellery, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. He had three children — Francis, Edmund, and Richard Henry. The latter was one of the founders of the *North American Review* and author of the "Buccaneer," etc. The eldest son, Francis, was a merchant, and spent many years in Russia and Hamburg. He married Sophia, daughter of President Willard of Harvard College, and had by her four children — Sophia (afterward wife of George Ripley, literary editor of the New York *Tribune*), Mary Elizabeth, Francis, and Joseph.

Francis Dana, Jr., the father of the Colonel, graduated from Harvard College, as did his father before him. He took up the study of medicine at the Harvard Medical School, and became a physician of high rank in Boston and Cambridge. He married Isabella, daughter of Moses Hazen White, and grand-daughter of Dr. John Frink, of Rutland, Mass. In religion he was an Episcopalian. He lived to the age of seventy-two years. Of his four children Francis and William died young. The others are: Isabella, who resides in Boston; and George H.

Before the war of the Rebellion George H. Dana was engaged in mercantile pursuits in the East Indies. He returned to his native land in 1861 to join the Northern forces, enlisting in the Thirty-second Massachusetts Regiment as Second Lieutenant. During the war he engaged in twenty-seven battles, and was seriously wounded in the arm at the battle of Gettysburg. For one year he was on detailed duty, and during a part of that time served on the staff of his cousin, General N. J. T. Dana. He was made Lieutenant Colonel for his meritorious conduct and bravery in battle, and his military record is an

honor to himself and to his noble lineage. At the close of the war he resumed his business relations with his partners in the East Indies, and remained there until 1871. Returning to the United States, he took up his residence in Newport, N.H., spending his summers at Lake Sunapee, where he has large real estate interests.

Colonel Dana was married in 1865 to Frances Matson Burke, daughter of Edmund Burke, of Newport. Her father was an eminent lawyer, a member of Congress, and a political writer of national importance. He was Commissioner of Patents under the administration of President Polk. To Colonel and Mrs. Dana one son has been born, the fifth Francis. He is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and a member of the Suffolk County bar. After two years spent in the practice of his profession he accepted a professorship at the St. Paul's School at Concord. He is a young man of brilliant literary attainments, and has already published many well-received stories and poems. His first novel, just completed, has been published by Harper Brothers.

HON. WILLIAM H. BARTLETT, formerly an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, was born in Salisbury, N.H., August 20, 1827. His paternal ancestry were prominent in early Colonial affairs, and several of them served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War. A brother of Judge Bartlett was at one time President of Dartmouth College. An extended account of the family will be found in the History of the Town of Salisbury.

Mr. Bartlett graduated from Dartmouth College, on which occasion he was the valedictorian of his class. His law studies were pursued with Judges Perley and Bellows. After his admission to the bar he entered upon the practice of his profession with an energy that soon placed him in the foremost rank among his legal associates in Merrimack County. He not only displayed the essential qualities which characterize an able, forcible advocate, but he became noted for his profound scholarship and thorough understanding of the elementary principles of law. In 1861 he was appointed to a seat upon the Supreme Bench. This important position he filled ably and impartially until his death, which occurred September 24, 1867.

On May 8, 1856, Judge Bartlett was united in marriage with Caroline Baker, who survives him. She was born in Concord, daughter of Abel and Nancy (Bradley) Baker, old and highly esteemed residents of this city. Abel Baker took a prominent part in public affairs, served as Representative to the legislature, and acted as a Justice of the Peace for many years. He lived to the age of seventy-three years. His wife, who died at the age of fifty-nine, was a daughter of Samuel and Kate (Green) Bradley. The Green family once owned that part of the capitol grounds adjoining Main Street, and Mrs. Bartlett's mother remembered when the present site of the State House was a potato field. Nathaniel Bradley Baker, only son of Abel and Nancy (Bradley) Baker, was Governor of New Hampshire in the year 1853. He died in 1876, leaving a widow and four children, each of whom has occupied prominent positions in different sections of the country.

FRANK R. WOODWARD, a widely known manufacturer and a prominent resident of Hill, was born in the town of Salisbury, February 9, 1845, son of Daniel S. Woodward, of that place. Ancestors of his

on both the maternal and paternal lines were brave and gallant soldiers. His great-grandfather Woodward, the first representative of the family in this country, who came here from Ireland in the first half of the last century, and settled in Maine, fought in the war of the Revolution; and his sons, Stephen and Jesse, fought in the second war with England. Daniel Woodward, a son of Jesse, married Dorcas, daughter of Enoch Adams, of Salisbury, who fought in the war of Independence from April, 1775, until its close. In 1848 Daniel moved to Penacook, then called Fisherville, and later to Franklin.

Frank R. Woodward received his education in the public schools of Franklin and at Noyes Academy. In 1868 he went to Manchester, where he was employed as superintendent of the Forsaith Latch Needle Factory. Two years later he purchased the business, and in 1872 he moved the plant to Hill. In the following year he sold the needle factory in order to engage in the manufacture of glass-cutters and other light hardware. He has continued in this line of business up to the present time, gaining a wide reputation in Europe as well as in this country. The establishment of the factory in Hill has stimulated the other industries of the town, and has been of great benefit in giving employment to many workmen. Other advantages have come through Mr. Woodward's personal efforts and private beneficences. In 1884 he laid out and graded Pleasant Hill Cemetery, which occupies a beautiful location upon a hill overlooking the village, dedicating it to the memory of his eldest daughter, May, who died May 2, 1884, at the age of thirteen years. Previous to this there had been no cemetery in town worthy of the name, and it is greatly appreciated by the residents. In 1885 he erected in the village a fine block containing a large hall, a store, and a number of tenements. Two years later he was engaged in making a large addition, but before the work was completed the entire structure was burned. Mr. Woodward has also built a system of water-works, with which he supplies water from springs on his property to all the villagers who desire it. Connected with the pipes also are hydrants for protection against fire, and the supply and pressure of water is excellent. When the village church was burned some years since, Mr. Woodward gave the society the lot and foundation for the new edifice, and took charge of its building.

Outside his manufacturing business Mr. Woodward is greatly interested in agricultural pursuits. He owns two farms, one in the village of Hill and one three miles outside. On these farms there is produced large quantities of milk, which is sold readily at the cars. Mr. Woodward is a charter member and the first Overseer of Pemigewasset Grange, No. 107; and he has served as its Master, Secretary, and Lecturer. He is also a member of Merrimack County Pomona Grange, of various Masonic bodies, of the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Red Men, and the Good Templars. In the Good Templars he is a charter member of Hill Lodge, and for a number of terms has been Chief Templar.

Mr. Woodward has been twice married. The five children of his first marriage are deceased. The present Mrs. Woodward, whose maiden name was Ella E. Hilpert, has one son, Harold A., born April 29, 1888. Mr. Woodward belongs to the Christian Church of Hill, and is a life Director of the society. He has charge of the church property, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school since it started, nine years ago. In politics he is a Democrat. Keenly alive to all the public interests of his town, he has taken an

active part in its affairs. He has served it on its Board of Education and in the capacities of Supervisor and Postmaster; and he represented it in the State legislature in 1884. As the town is strongly Republican, his election to the legislature was remarkable testimony of the great esteem in which he is held by his townsmen of all parties.

IRA CUTTING EVANS, a well-known printer and publisher of Concord, was born in Hill, N.H., April 16, 1841, son of Jonathan and Olive Aiken (Cutting) Evans. His parents were natives of the State, and have resided in Merrimack County over fifty years. On the paternal side Mr. Evans is a descendant of John Evans, who served in most of the important battles fought in Northern New England during the struggle for American independence. The Cutting family is an old and highly reputable one; and John O. Cutting, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was a prominent resident of Concord in his day.

Mr. Evans attended the public schools of Concord until he was fourteen years old, and then entered the employ of McFarland & Jenks, publishers of the *New Hampshire Statesman*. On August 13, 1862, he enlisted as a private in the Twelfth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, for service in the Civil War. The regiment joined the Army of the Potomac at Pleasant Valley, Md., and participated in all its battles. After the battle of Gettysburg, in company with the Second and Fifth New Hampshire Regiments, it was sent to Point Lookout, Md., where it was quartered some eight months, waiting for recruits. When again ordered to active duty, it was attached to the Army of the James, under the command of General Butler. After participating in the engagements at Drury's Bluff, Bermuda Hundred, and Swift Creek, it was transported to White House Landing, and was with General Grant at the battle of Cold Harbor. It was also present at the siege of Petersburg, where Mr. Evans was promoted to the post of principal musician, and at the capture of Richmond. On June 21, 1865, it was mustered out of the service. After his return from the army Mr. Evans resumed his connection with the printing business in Concord, first entering the employ of William Butterfield, publisher of the *New Hampshire Patriot*. Afterward he was in the employ of the *Independent Democrat*, *People*, and *Independent Statesman*. His political affiliations have been with the Republican party since reaching his majority, and his vigorous advocacy of its principles has been exceedingly valuable to it in this part of the State. He was elected to the legislature for the years 1895 and 1896. He was also public printer during the years 1891 and 1892.

On August 3, 1865, Mr. Evans wedded Helen G. Rowe, a native of Concord. Of the four children born to them, two are living—Mabel F. and Ira Leon. Mr. Evans is a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M.; of White Mountain Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.; of Concord Lodge, No. 8, Knights of Pythias, of which he is a Past Chancellor; and of the A. O. U. W. He is a Past Commander of E. E. Sturtevant Post, No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic; was delegate at large to the National Encampment at San Francisco in 1884; and he has served as Aide-de-camp upon the staff of the department commander. He was for five years connected with the National Guard; and he is the publisher of the *Veterans' Advocate*, which was established in 1884, and which is the only newspaper issued in New

Hampshire devoted to the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliaries.

WILLIAM CLARK, formerly Judge of Probate for Sullivan County, was born in Claremont, March 6, 1819, son of Moses and Fanny (Patterson) Clark. His ancestors on both sides were pioneer settlers of Londonderry, N.H. Moses Clark, a native of Londonderry, came when a young man to Claremont, and settled upon a farm situated on the old road to Newport. He followed agriculture with success for the rest of his life, and was one of the able farmers and useful citizens of his day. In his religious views he was a Universalist. He was the father of ten children, six sons and four daughters.

In his boyhood William Clark attended the district school for several months each year. He assisted upon the farm until he was twenty-one years old. Then he apprenticed himself to Rufus Carlton to learn the butchering and meat business. A year later he went to work in the same business for Philemon Tolles, with whom he remained three years. After this he engaged in business for himself, and built up a large trade, which he maintained alone for eight or nine years, and for three years in partnership with Henry C. Cowles. In this period for some time he drove a meat wagon through the surrounding towns, and each winter his route extended as far as Concord. Selling out to his partner in 1857, he was afterward engaged in the wholesale grain and flour trade with Albert H. Danforth for about fifteen years. In 1871 he retired after an active business career of thirty years, and devoted his attention to other interests. He was employed in probate affairs for many years, acting as administrator for some of the largest estates in Sullivan County. From 1853 to 1868 he was a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he was Chairman of the Board for ten years of that time. In 1863 he was appointed United States Deputy Assessor of Internal Revenue for this district, and afterward held that position for nine years. He was Town Clerk in 1871, 1872, and 1873, during which time the town records were kept in a manner that reflected the highest credit upon him. In 1876 he was appointed Judge of Probate, a position which he held until his death. The Supreme Court never reversed a single decision of his from which appeal had been made. He was a Director of the Claremont National Bank for fourteen years and of the Sullivan Savings Institution for twenty-nine years.

Judge Clark married Esther A. Bosworth, who survives him. She was born in Royalton, Vt., daughter of Jarvis and Bershey (Crowell) Bosworth. Jarvis Bosworth, who was a native of Rehoboth, R.I., settled in Royalton, Vt., where he resided for the rest of his life. An able, upright, and fair-minded business man, possessing excellent judgment and a thorough knowledge of financial matters, Mr. Clark was especially well fitted to preside over the Probate Court. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died at his home in Claremont, May 30, 1883.

OLIVER P. WILSON, a retired business man and a prominent resident of Dunbarton, was born in this town, October 17, 1836, son of Thomas and Mary (Mills) Wilson. The grandfather, John Wilson, who was the first of the family in this town, was reared upon a farm, and acquired the trade of shoemaking. An industrious and

thrifty man, it was his custom to attend to the farm duties through the day, and make or repair shoes for the farmers in his locality until late at night. He was for many years a Deacon of the Congregational church, and he lived to a good old age. He married Anna H. Kimball, of Hopkinton, and reared a family of eleven children.

Thomas Wilson, who was also a native of Dunbarton, attended school until he was seventeen years old. Afterward for a time he assisted his father upon the farm. Later he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, which he followed as a journeyman for a few years. Then, relinquishing that calling, he engaged in a mercantile business in Dunbarton, and carried on a prosperous trade for several years. The profits of this business, together with the income of a large farm which he conducted at the same time, had placed him in very comfortable circumstances before his death. This event, which occurred when he was seventy-five years old, was the result of an accident. He rendered faithful and efficient service as Town Treasurer and Collector for a number of years, and he was active in the Congregational church. His wife, Mary, who was a daughter of Reuben Mills, of Hampstead, had eight children, of whom five are living.

Oliver P. Wilson acquired a common-school education, and at the age of sixteen began life as a farm assistant. After following the latter occupation for two or three years, he went to Manchester, where he learned photography, and worked at the business for three years. Then, returning to Dunbarton, he entered his father's store as a partner, and opened a photograph gallery. Upon the death of his father he became the sole proprietor of the store, which he prosperously conducted for twenty-five years. In 1890 he sold out to his son-in-law, and retired from active pursuits. For a number of years he and his father acted as agents for the Olzendam Hosiery Company of Manchester, during which time they supplied some fifty families with work in that line. He has also been an extensive dealer in real estate, having bought and sold a large number of farms in this section.

In 1856 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Nancy F. Chamberlain, daughter of Thomas and Eliza Chamberlain, of Goffstown, N.H., and has reared two children. In 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876 Mr. Wilson was elected Town Treasurer, and Collector in 1874, 1875, 1878, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1889, 1891, and 1897; and for twenty-five years he served as Postmaster, the office having been located in his store. He has also acted as Constable and Justice of the Peace. Prominently identified with the First Congregational Church, he has been its treasurer and collector as well as the treasurer, superintendent, and librarian of the Sunday-school.

FREEMAN CUTTING, a prosperous farmer of Newport, was born in Croydon, N.H., July 19, 1821, son of Francis and Keziah (Hudson) Cutting. His grandfather, Benjamin Cutting, one of the first settlers of Croydon, was an energetic and successful farmer; and he served his country in the Revolutionary War. Benjamin and his wife, Anna Bemas Cutting, died at the respective ages of eighty-eight and ninety years. Of their thirteen children none are now living. Francis Cutting, who was next to the youngest, followed his father's occupation, that of farming. He was also an extensive stock dealer, in fact, doing, it is claimed, the largest business in that line in Sullivan

County. His property consisted of eight hundred acres of land. In religion he was of the Methodist Episcopal belief, and in politics he was a Democrat. On his seventy-eighth birthday he died on the farm where he was born. His wife lived to be seventy-six years of age. They had nine children — three daughters and six sons. Five of these children are now living, the subject of this sketch being the eldest. The others are: Shepherd Cutting, of Newport; Addison Cutting, of Croydon; Mrs. Diantha Young, the wife of Israel Young, of Newport; and Mrs. Philinda Pike. The others were: Alfred, Irena, Morrill, and Elan.

Freeman Cutting grew up on the old farm in Croydon, receiving his education in the town schools. At the age of twenty-one he purchased one hundred and twenty-one acres of land adjoining his father's property in Newport. After living on this estate for eleven years, he sold it and bought another in Claremont, on which he resided for eight years. At the end of that time he moved back to Newport, and in 1871 he bought the property on which he now resides. It contains four hundred acres, which, taken with what he owns elsewhere, makes about nine hundred acres belonging to him. He has one of the best sets of farm buildings in the town, and the appearance of thrift and progress is visible everywhere. He has worked with untiring energy, made a great many improvements, and keeps up well with the times. In this lies the secret of his success. He deals extensively in cattle, and is a leading stock-raiser. At present he has seventy-five head of cattle on his farm, and he makes a specialty of the milk industry. Giving his personal attention to all the details of the farm management, the best results are in this way secured.

Mr. Cutting was married in 1843 to Emily A. Hubbard, who, born in Charlestown, N.H., in 1823, daughter of Oliver Hubbard, died April 17, 1894. Their ten children are all living; namely, Dennison, Emily, John, Belah, Louis, Achar, Zilpha, Sarah, Abbie, and Viola.

Mr. Cutting takes an interest in the welfare of the community. He was First Selectman of Newport for several terms, Overseer of the Poor for the same length of time, and he served acceptably in the capacity of Tax Collector.

ELLEN FRANCES EVANS, of Franklin, whose intelligence and worth command the highest esteem of her large circle of friends and acquaintances, was born June 27, 1845, in Sanbornton, N.H., daughter of Edward and Phœbe (Morrison) Evans. Her ancestors were prominent among the pioneers of Belknap County. Miss Evans's father, a native of Sanbornton, generally known as Master Evans, for a number of years successfully taught schools in Andover and Sanbornton; and many of his pupils have attained prominence in business and professional life. For thirty-seven years Mr. Evans resided at the Morrison farm in his native town. He died of apoplexy, September 14, 1872, aged seventy-seven years. Having done much for the general good of the community, he was generally mourned. His wife, Phœbe, who was also a native of Sanbornton and a daughter of David Morrison, died August 16, 1875, aged seventy-five years. Her noble and unselfish character was demonstrated in her every-day life, and her charity was dispensed liberally among the needy and suffering. While residing with her son in Boston, she suddenly became conscious of her approaching end, and, at her desire, was brought to her old home in Sanbornton. Here her last days were

peacefully spent in waiting for the final moment, of which she had no fear. She had formerly sung in the church choir, and in this period the singing of sacred songs seemed to revive her memories of the past and was a source of much consolation.

Edward and Phœbe (Morrison) Evans were the parents of eight children; namely, Ransom Flagg, Edward Dustin, Lucy Ann, Mary Jane, Sarah, Susan, George Sullivan, and Ellen Frances. Ransom Flagg Evans, born January 9, 1824, who became a member of the firm Sands, Furber & Co., and was connected with the wholesale and retail produce business in Faneuil Hall Market, Boston, for over forty years, died suddenly in 1896. He not only improved the old homestead, but generously provided for the comfort of his relatives in Sanbornton. The Evans family monument in the new cemetery in Franklin, placed there by him in 1880, is one of the most costly and imposing shafts erected in this vicinity. Edward Dustin Evans, born May 16, 1826, married Frances Perley, of New Bedford, Mass., and resided in that town until a year previous to his death, which occurred December 25, 1859, at the age of thirty-three years. Lucy Ann Evans, born October 19, 1831, on March 12, 1865, married Jacob Fottler, who was born August 19, 1839, and is now a member of the firm of Sands, Furber & Co. Mr. and Mrs. Fottler, who reside at 57 Chestnut Street, Boston, have two children: Frances Belle, born July 16, 1866; and Milton Evans, born April 14, 1869. Mary Jane Evans, who was born June 9, 1834, married Nathaniel M. Colby, an extensive farmer of Franklin, N.H. Sarah Evans, born April 9, 1836, on November 16, 1870, married Beniah B. Davidson, who was born in Holderness, N.H., July 31, 1835. They reside at the old homestead, and have one of the finest residences in Sanbornton. Susan Evans, born April 22, 1838, died March 2, 1854; and George Sullivan Evans, born November 1, 1840, died June 23, 1857. Ellen Frances Evans, the subject of this sketch, spends much of her time with her sisters in Boston and Sanbornton, and she also makes frequent visits to Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Thompson in Franklin.

HAZEN B. MARTIN, a highly respected resident of Franklin and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Bradford, Vt., March 17, 1834, son of Benjamin and Sally (Barker) Martin. Both parents, as well as the grandfather, Levi Barker, were natives of Bradford. The latter was a farmer and a cooper. Benjamin Martin died in 1863, and his wife died in 1864. Of their twelve children, five died young. Those who lived to maturity were: Bailey, Benjamin Franklin, Alba G., the Rev. Albert H., Lydia S., Catherine, and Hazen B. Bailey wedded Mary McIntire, and died at the age of thirty-six years. Benjamin Franklin lived in Athens, Ohio. The Rev. Albert H., who married for his first wife Abigail Pickett, of Bradford, Vt., and for his second Maria Leavitt, of Franklin, and died January 19, 1895, had preached fifty-three years as a Christian minister. Lydia S. married Harran Wilmot, and both are now deceased. Catherine and her husband, John McIntire, have also passed away.

Hazen B. Martin was educated in the common schools, and resided at home until seventeen years old. He worked as a farm assistant until twenty-two, and then went to Manchester, N.H., where he later learned the moulder's trade.

The seventh volunteer in Manchester, he enlisted on April 22, 1861, in the Abbott's

Guards, which were mustered into the Second New Hampshire Regiment as Company I. His active service in the Civil War began in August of the same year, when he marched with his regiment from Washington to the front. He participated in the first battle of Bull Run, and was present at the battles of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, the seven days' fight, and Malvern Hill. In August, 1862, he was taken prisoner and confined for six weeks in Libby Prison. After his release he was taken to Fortress Monroe, where he suffered a long illness. When restored to health, he was transferred to Annapolis, Md. Later he went to Camp Falmouth; and in March, 1863, he came home on a furlough. He was discharged in the following June at Concord on account of physical disability. The illness contracted in the army continued with him for many months after. In 1865 he returned to Manchester, and later resumed his trade in Nashua. From that city he went to Bridgeport, Conn., where he worked as long as his health permitted. Then he obtained employment of a less arduous nature upon a railroad. An accident laid him up for six months. In 1873 he settled in Franklin, upon what is known as the Dimond farm. Since then he has followed agriculture and peddled tinware upon the road.

Mr. Martin has been three times married. His first marriage was made with Martha Tuttle, of Manchester. His second united him to Kate Dimond, of Franklin. His present wife was formerly Mrs. Carrie Hildreth Harvey. She was born in Bethlehem, N.H., April 21, 1847, daughter of Elias and Hannah (Nourse) Hildreth, of whose seven children Sarah, Carrie, and Addie are living. Mrs. Martin's first husband was G. W. Wesley, of Bethlehem, N.H., who belonged to the third generation from Charles and John Wesley, the founders of Methodism. He died October 20, 1867, leaving one son, George W. Mrs. Martin's second husband was Daniel Harvey, who died in 1880. By his first marriage Mr. Martin has three children — Roscoe, Ella F., and Amon H. By his present union he has one daughter — Minnie May, born July 29, 1886. Politically, Mr. Martin is a Republican. He is a member of Granite Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., of Nashua; of the Pilgrim Fathers, the Good Templars, and the grange; and he is a comrade of George F. Swett Post, No. 38, G. A. R., of Franklin.

HENRY EASTMAN CHAMBERLIN, the Superintendent of the Concord Street Railway, was born in Newbury, Vt., May 28, 1854, son of Charles and Ruth (Eastman) Chamberlin. His father was a native of Newbury, and his mother was born in Haverhill, N.H.; and he is a lineal descendant, on the maternal side, of Roger Eastman, the founder of the family in America. He attended the public schools of Newbury, Vt., and Haverhill, N.H., until he was fourteen years old. In 1869 he went to Union City, Ind., where he entered the employ of the Belle Fontaine Railroad Company as a messenger boy, and rose to the position of telegraph operator. In 1870 he took charge of the office in Anderson, Ind., and, after working in a similar capacity for the company at various points along their line, he in 1873 came to Concord, and entered the train despatcher's office of the Northern New Hampshire Railroad. In 1875 he was appointed station agent at Fisherville (now Penacook), and held that position until April, 1893, when he resigned in order to accept the superintendency of the Concord Street Railway.

On November 23, 1875, Mr. Chamberlin

wedded Mary E. Livengood, of Union City, Ind. She is now the mother of three children; namely, Myla, Iyla, and Ruth Elizabeth. In politics Mr. Chamberlin is a Republican. In 1892 he was elected a member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward One for two years, and in 1896 he was elected member of the State legislature for two years. He is connected with Contoocook Lodge, No. 26, I. O. O. F., of Penacook; with Penacook Encampment, No. 3, of Concord; and with J. S. Durgin Camp, No. 7, Sons of Veterans. As a railway official he has won the esteem and friendship of the general public, with whom he is very popular; and his efforts to improve the street car service are heartily appreciated by all.

BENJAMIN F. PORTER, a member of the Board of Selectmen of Plainfield, was born in this town, August 28, 1852, son of Jabez and Eliza F. (Green) Porter. The Rev. Micah Porter, the father of Jabez, was a Congregational minister, who, after preaching in Connecticut, his native State, for some years, was called to Plainfield, where he passed the rest of his life. He was also a cancer doctor. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Gallup, and his children were: Isaac, Benjamin, William, John, Jabez, Martha, and Phœbe. The five sons studied medicine, and four of them became practitioners. Isaac located in Wisconsin, where he died; and his children are residing there still. Benjamin, who was a physician in Northfield, Vt., is now deceased. William was studying medicine at the time of his death, which occurred when he was thirty years old. John settled in Duxbury, Mass., where he resided for the rest of his life, and was one of the prominent physicians of Plymouth County. He married Ann Thomas, and reared a family. Martha, who married a Mr. Walker and had two children, settled in a Western State. Phœbe died at about the age of twenty-nine.

Jabez Porter, father of Benjamin F., was born in Connecticut, December 22, 1796. He attended the Kimball Union Academy and also studied medicine. He settled upon a farm in Plainfield, where for many years he made a specialty of treating cancers, having a sanitarium in which to board and attend to his patients. In this connection he was known throughout the New England States as a successful specialist. He was a Republican in politics, and he served for a number of years in the capacity of Collector of Taxes. Jabez Porter died in August, 1886. His wife, Eliza, was born in Cavendish, Vt., June 4, 1815, daughter of Isaac Green, of Plymouth, Vt., who was a prominent farmer of that locality. She bore him five children — Amos P., Jabez A., Benjamin F., Sophia E., and John. Amos P. died at the age of three years, and Jabez A. when twenty months old. Sophia E., who, born August 24, 1854, died December 2, 1887, was the wife of the late Harrison Jordan, a well-to do resident of Plainfield. John, born February 23, 1856, who completed his education at the Kimball Union Academy, and is now occupying the old Porter homestead in this town, married Annette Z. Rogers, daughter of Daniel Rogers, an industrious farmer of Hartland, Vt., and has four children — George B., John D., Edwin M., and Harland E. Mrs. Jabez Porter died September 7, 1872.

Benjamin F. Porter acquired his education in a public school and in a private school of his native town. He assisted upon the farm until the death of his father. After managing the property for some time in company with his brother John, he bought the Spencer farm,

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where he now resides. He was formerly engaged in raising cattle and sheep, but of late he gives his attention to horse-breeding. His energy and ability as a general farmer enable him to make agriculture a most profitable employment, and he ranks among the well-to-do residents of Plainfield. Politically, he acts with the Republican party; and for a number of years he has served the town ably and faithfully as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He possesses the valuable remedies used by his father, and is frequently called upon to treat patients in this vicinity.

Mr. Porter married for his first wife Eliza L. Whittaker, who was born in Plainfield, March 3, 1856. She died October 21, 1877, leaving no children. His present wife, who was before marriage Jennie F. Spaulding, was born in this town January 26, 1867, daughter of Alfred Spaulding. Mr. Porter is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, and is a member of the Congregational church.

CHARLES WINCH, a Justice of the Peace and a successful farmer of Langdon, is a native of Sullivan, Cheshire County. He was born November 13, 1845, son of Thomas and Clarissa (Town) Winch. The family, which is of English origin, was founded by Samuel Winch, who settled in Sudbury, Mass., in 1670. Caleb, the great-grandfather of Charles, was born in Framingham, Mass., September 26, 1744. In 1768, when he was married, he removed to Fitzwilliam, where he resided until his death in 1826. He was a man of means, influential in town affairs and active in church work. The maiden name of his wife was Mehitable Maynard. His son, John, born in Fitzwilliam, March 10, 1778, was a prosperous farmer and took an active interest in town affairs. John's wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Gary, born in Leominster, Mass., died September 13, 1851. John and Lucy Winch were the parents of ten children, born as follows: Jeremiah, February 23, 1805; Lucy, December 5, 1806; John, September 9, 1808; Suka, July 21, 1810; Caleb, April 19, 1812; Thomas, March 2, 1814; Esther, March 11, 1817; Betsey, March 31, 1818; Nancy, October 25, 1820; and Abbie A., September 2, 1822.

Thomas Winch was born and educated in Sullivan. In 1855 he came to Langdon, and was there for a prolonged period, extensively engaged in general farming, cattle and sheep raising, besides being very active in town affairs. He was Selectman in Sullivan and Langdon, and Chairman of the Board in each place, a Justice of the Peace for ten years, and Representative to the State legislature in 1861–62. His death occurred August 8, 1896, in his eighty-third year. His wife, Clarissa Town Winch, who was born in Stoddard, N.H., October 28, 1818, now lives in Marlow, N.H. Three sons and a daughter were born of their union; namely, Charles, Thomas D., Ella M., and George. Thomas D., born in Sullivan, October 10, 1847, completed his education at Kimball Union Academy of Meriden, N.H., and is now living in Peterboro, N.H., being a member of the large grocery firm of Winch & Field. He married Josephine Nichols, of Peterboro. Ella M., born in Sullivan, August 28, 1849, married George C. Friend, a successful farmer of Marlow. She died January 10, 1894, survived by her husband and one daughter, Blanche Ina Friend. George, born in Langdon, July 11, 1857, attended the common schools of Langdon, and then prepared for college at Kimball Union Academy and St. Johnsbury Academy of Vermont. He then

entered Dartmouth College, and was graduated therefrom thoroughly equipped for his chosen vocation of a teacher. He began teaching in Haverhill, N.H., after which he taught for a time in Fitchburg. On leaving the latter place, he became principal of the Varney School of Manchester, N.H., which position he has held for many years. He was married August 24, 1887, to Miss Emily Corinne Holden, daughter of Charles A. Holden, of Langdon, and has one child, Emily Josephine Winch.

Charles Winch completed his education in Kimball Union Academy of Meriden, N.H. Returning home then, he assisted his father in the work of the farm for a time. Subsequently he engaged in teaching school in Westford, Mass.; but he finally returned to general farming, in which he has since been profitably engaged. His enterprises include dairying and stock-raising, and he makes a specialty of thorough-bred cattle.

On September 8, 1875, Mr. Winch married Miss Abbie L. Hubbard, who was born December 5, 1846, in Sullivan, daughter of George F. and Betsey Hubbard, of that place. They have five children, namely: Elton W., born January 7, 1877; Walter T., born June 27, 1879; Clara A., born February 14, 1881; Bessie E., born May 24, 1883; and Helen L., born April 4, 1892. Elton and Walter are pupils of Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass.; and Clara and Bessie attend the grammar school of Marlow, N.H.

The Republican party has no stancher supporter than Mr. Winch. He was superintendent of schools for several years. He has served acceptably in the capacity of Selectman. He was Tax Collector for three years. In 1895 he was a Representative to the State legislature, serving on the Committee on Agriculture. For one year he was a member of the School Board, and he is now serving as Town Auditor and Justice of the Peace. The only secret society he has connection with is the Order of the Golden Cross. An esteemed member of the Congregational church, he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for seventeen years.

JOHN S. HUBBARD, a manufacturer of cigars and a wholesale and retail dealer in cigars and tobacco at Concord, N.H., was born in Greenville, N.H., December 18, 1838, son of John and Mary (Kennedy) Hubbard. John Hubbard, his grandfather, born at New Ipswich, N.H., was a distinguished professor of mathematics at Dartmouth College for many years. He attained a good old age. The original progenitor of the Hubbard family in America came from England and settled in Concord, Mass. The father, also a native of New Ipswich, was a graduate of Dartmouth College. For a portion of his life he taught school in Dartmouth, and always lived at the old homestead, which is still in the possession of the Hubbard family. His death occurred in 1860. By his wife, Mary, he became the father of seven children, of whom Mary A., William E., Charles L., and Louisa J. are deceased. The others are: George H., who resides at Manchester, N.H.; Harriet B., who married Eugene C. Gardiner, of Springfield, Mass., and resides in that town; and John S., of this sketch.

After receiving his education in the schools of New Ipswich, John S. Hubbard learned cigar-making at Manchester, where he remained until 1859. For some time after that he followed the trade in various places. In May, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company K, Tenth Massachusetts Infantry, and

subsequently in the Civil War made a most creditable record. After the battle of Antietam he received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Tenth New Hampshire Volunteers. After Fredericksburg he was promoted to the grade of First Lieutenant. Still another well-deserved promotion followed these honors, when he was raised to the rank of a Captain and placed in command of a company. At Malvern Hill he received a slight wound. Drury's Bluff was the last battle in which he participated. After leaving the army, he returned to business. In 1870 he went to Concord and began to manufacture cigars and deal in cigars by wholesale and retail.

Mr. Hubbard married Clara A. Gilman, daughter of William Gilman, of Concord. They have two children — Grace L. and Helen F. Mr. Hubbard is a Gold Democrat in his politics. He cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of the Grand Army organization and a prominent Odd Fellow. In religion he affiliates with the Unitarians. His fellow-townsmen esteem him as one of their foremost business men.

JOHN FRANCIS WEBSTER, of Concord, the treasurer of the Concord & Montreal Railroad, was born in Dorchester, Mass., November 18, 1837, son of Nathaniel F. and Miriam (Couch) Webster, both natives of Salisbury, N.H. He was educated in the public schools of Savannah, Ga., and Concord, N.H., and completed his studies at the age of nineteen. His first employment for salary was that of book-keeper for Moore, Cilley & Co., hardware merchants of this city, with whom he remained for a year and a half. On March 14, 1857, he entered the employ of the Concord Railroad Corporation as cashier in the local freight office, where he continued until 1862, when he was promoted to the general freight office. On May 1, 1865, he was made cashier of the road, a position that he subsequently filled for nearly twenty-five years. In September, 1889, he was appointed to his present office, that of treasurer of the Concord & Montreal Railroad. His long experience in the financial department of a carrying corporation had previously qualified him for this position. He is now a well-known railroad financier. He is also interested in the Mechanics' National Bank, of which he is a Director, and in the Loan and Trust Savings Bank of Concord, of which he is a Trustee. Politically, he is a Republican. He represented Concord in the legislature during the years 1889 and 1890, and was a member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward Four in 1895, 1896, 1897, and 1898.

On June 18, 1856, Mr. Webster was united in marriage with Mary J. Cutting, of this city. She died in November, 1893, leaving four children, namely: Jennie Margaret, now the wife of Edward E. Brown, of Concord; Clara Helen, the wife of Joseph S. Mathews, of this city; Jessie Marion; and Frances May. Mr. Webster was again married February 6, 1897, to Miss Stella Hutchinson, of Manchester, N.H. A Mason of high standing, he is a member of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 11; of Trinity Chapter, No. 2, Royal Arch Masons; of Horace Chase Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; of Mount Horeb Commandery, Knights Templar; of Edward A. Raymond Consistory, of Nashua; and of the Royal Order of Scotland. He has been the presiding officer of all of the Masonic bodies in Concord, and Grand Master, Grand High Priest, and Grand Commander of the State bodies. He is one of the few whose qualifications enable them to reach the thirty-third

degree, which was conferred upon him at Boston, September 17, 1885, by the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America. Mr. Webster is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

DANIEL C. WESTGATE, a prominent resident of Plainfield and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, June 4, 1857, son of Earl and Sarah Chase (Cole) Westgate. His great-grandfather, John Westgate, who was the first ancestor of the family to settle in Plainfield, came here in 1778. John married Grace Church, of Tiverton, R.I., a descendant of Colonel Benjamin Church, who commanded the Colonial forces in the war against King Philip. They were the parents of eleven children; namely, Betsey, John, Lydia, Earl, Priscilla, Mary, George, William, Joseph, Benjamin, and Hannah. Earl Westgate, grandfather of Daniel C., accompanied his parents to this town, and spent the active period of his life upon the farm now occupied by his son, Earl Westgate (second). He married Elizabeth Waite, daughter of Nathaniel and Annie (Sweetser) Waite, of Hubbardston, Mass., and was by her the father of six children; namely, Elizabeth, John, Nathaniel W., Anna W., George, and Earl.

Earl Westgate, Daniel C. Westgate's father, was born in Plainfield, December 17, 1808. He assisted in carrying on the farm until his father's death, when he succeeded to the property. By judicious management he obtained a good income from the estate. Failing health compelled him to retire from active labor some years since, and the farm is now managed by his son. In religious belief he is a Baptist, and he has been a Deacon of that church for fifty years. His first wife, in maidenhood Sarah Chase Cole, who was born in Plainfield, November 24, 1815, daughter of Daniel and Martha (Johnson) Cole, died January 18, 1876. The maiden name of his second wife was Abigail M. Camp, and she died four years after her marriage. Earl Westgate had six children, all the offspring of his first union. They were: William E., born December 9, 1840; Martha E., born January 9, 1842; Edith S., born June 29, 1846; Julia A., born August 8, 1848, who died November 19, 1865; Mary E., born November 1, 1854, who died February 29, 1864; and Daniel C., the subject of this sketch. William E., who attended school at Kimball Union Academy, has held some of the important town offices, and is now County Commissioner. He married Charlotte E. Bryant, of Cornish, N.H., and has two children — Earl and Martha E. The latter is now the wife of Edwin M. Quimby. Her aunt, Martha E. Westgate, who attended the academy and was formerly a successful school teacher, is now the widow of Freeman Holt, late of Lyme, N.H., and presides over her father's household. Edith S. Westgate, who is the wife of Carlos D. Colby, a wealthy farmer of Plainfield, has had eight children, seven of whom are living.

Daniel C. Westgate was educated in the schools of Plainfield and at New London, N.H. Since then he has given his attention to general farming at the homestead, and has had the entire charge of the farm since his father's retirement. He is one of the Republican party leaders in this locality, and has served the town ably and faithfully as Town Clerk and Treasurer. Also he was Selectman for six years, having been Chairman of the Board for two years of that time; and he represented the town in the State legislature, where

he served on the Committee on Appropriations. He is at present Master of Blow-me-down Grange.

On June 13, 1878, Mr. Westgate was united in marriage with Clara J. Stone, who was born in Plainfield, March 27, 1855, daughter of Solomon Stone. She is now the mother of two daughters: Mary E., born November 27, 1879; and Bessie S., born October 15, 1883. Mary E. attended Kimball Union Academy, and is now a prominent school teacher in this town. Bessie S. is still attending school.

CHARLES F. ADAMS, the junior proprietor and business manager of the needle factory at Hill, was born at Hill, October 2, 1857, youngest son of the late Harrison Adams. The grandfather, Russel Adams, a farmer by occupation, moved to Hill when it was New Chester. His wife, Susan Fifield Adams, had eight children. Of these Harrison Adams was one of the principal founders of the needle factory. Associated in business with Harrison were his two sons, P. C. Shaw and Stephen Woodward.

Charles F. Adams received his education in the district schools and in the Choate School of Boston. He then went into his father's factory, beginning at the bottom of the ladder. From this position he worked his way up through the various departments, and is to-day the manager of the business. It is claimed that the factory employs more men than any other concern in town. Mr. Adams married Miss Henrietta B. Morrill, a daughter of Harrison and Olive Morrill. She is now the mother of three children — Heber, George E., and Carl, who form a pleasant family group. Like his father and brother, George H., Mr. Adams is a prominent figure in social and religious organizations and a prime mover in all affairs relating to the civil and administrative welfare of the town. He is a member of the present legislature, Selectman of the town, and Chairman of the School Board, as well as an active Odd Fellow. In politics a Republican, he had the pleasure of casting his first Presidential vote in 1880 for General Garfield.

JOSEPH L. CALL, who was a leading resident of Franklin and dealt largely in cattle, was born in this town, August 31, 1840, son of Hazen H. and Mary (Thomas) Call. His father was a native of Franklin; and his mother was born in Sanbornton, N. H. His parents' family comprised eight children. An account of his ancestry and immediate relatives will be found on another page in the biography of Dana W. Call.

After attending the common schools for the usual period, Joseph, at the age of seventeen, began to work as a farm assistant in this locality. When twenty years old, he engaged in the cattle business, which was thereafter his chief occupation. He became one of the best known drovers in this part of the State. For many years he was an extensive buyer of cattle, sheep, and hogs, which he shipped to Brighton, Mass. He was unusually successful. Some years ago he settled at the homestead. He owned about four hundred acres of land, and at the time of his decease he was one of the largest general farmers in Franklin. In October, 1861, he married Ann G. Severance. She was born in Salisbury, N. H., December 25, 1841, daughter of Stillman and Martha (Lowell) Severance. Her parents resided in Salisbury until 1850, when they moved to Franklin and settled on a farm in the northern part of the town. Stillman Severance died in 1862, and his wife in 1881.

Mr. and Mrs. Call had two children, namely: Cora Belle, born in 1862, who is now the wife of Frank W. Foster, a prosperous farmer of Hill, N.H.; and Katherine L., born December 12, 1865, who is now the wife of Arthur B. Simonds, an employee of the needle factory in Hill. Mrs. Simonds is an accomplished singer and teacher, and has sung in different church choirs in Concord and Nashua. She and her husband reside with her parents. Mr. Hall died June 16, 1897.

Politically, Mr. Call always supported the Democratic party; but in 1896 he voted for McKinley and the gold standard. He rendered valuable service to the town as a Selectman for two years. The family are connected with the grange in Hill. Both Mr. and Mrs. Call attended the Christian church.

BYRON MOORE, the efficient Postmaster of Concord, was born in this city, October 30, 1844, son of James and Nancy (Barr) Moore, both of whom were natives of Goffstown, N.H. He comes of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His earliest progenitor emigrated to America in 1719, settling in Londonderry, N.H. He obtained his education in the public schools of Concord, being graduated from the high school at the age of nineteen years. Then he obtained employment in the stove foundry of William P. Ford & Co., with whom he remained for twenty years. During a part of the time he was associated in the firm of James Moore & Sons, successful hardware merchants of this city. In 1884 they sold out, and in the next year Mr. Moore was appointed money order clerk in the post-office, which position he held for about two years. In 1894 he was appointed Postmaster by President Cleveland, and he entered upon the duties of the office on June 16 of the same year. This position he has since filled most acceptably.

On October 19, 1876, Mr. Moore was married to Sarah E. Tucker, of this city. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party. He has been connected with Masonic organizations for thirty years, being a member of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 3, Trinity Chapter, R. A. M.; and of Mount Horeb Commandery, K. T.

JOHN TICKNOR DUNCAN, the Treasurer of the Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, was born in Plainfield, December 22, 1831, son of Samuel B. and Ruth (Ticknor) Duncan. His great-grandfather, James Duncan, born in 1724, resided in Haverhill, Mass. James married Elizabeth Bell, who was born December 25, 1725, and had a family of twelve children. Robert Duncan, the grandfather, was born in Haverhill, May 21, 1760. When a young man he settled in Plainfield. He married Hannah Emerson, a native of Haverhill, and became the father of four children — Samuel B., John Thaxter, Mary A., and Hannah — all natives of Plainfield. John Thaxter, who was born in 1798, and followed a mercantile business in Vermont for a number of years, was afterward engaged in the manufacture of iron in New York State, and died in 1870. He married Fanny Dennison, and had a family of six children, four of whom are living. Mary A., born March 23, 1800, married John Bryant, of this town, who was associated with Squire Kimball in a mercantile business and the woollen manufacturing industry. She lived to be ninety-one years old, and two of her four children are living. Hannah, who was born in 1802, married Reuben True, one of the prosperous farmers and prominent residents of

Plainfield in his day; and she lived to the advanced age of ninety-four years. She was the mother of four children, one of whom is living.

Samuel B. Duncan, born November 20, 1795, was educated in the schools of Plainfield and Haverhill, Mass. Soon after the completion of his studies he volunteered to serve in the War of 1812 as a substitute for his brother, who had been drafted. For thirty-five years he was a Trustee of the Kimball Union Academy, and he filled the position of Treasurer for twelve years. He died December 22, 1869. His wife, Ruth, was born in Lebanon, N.H., in 1777, daughter of John and Mabel (Green) Ticknor. She became the mother of three sons, namely: John T., the subject of this sketch; Robert H., born November 12, 1833; and Samuel A., born June 19, 1836. Robert H. prepared for his collegiate course at the Kimball Union Academy, and was graduated from Dartmouth College, class of 1857. He studied law at the Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Law School, and is now a prominent patent attorney in New York City. He married Abbie Vinning, daughter of Samuel Vinning, of Holbrook, Mass.; and she has had four children, three of whom are living. Samuel A. attended the Kimball Union Academy, and was graduated from Dartmouth with the class of 1858. After pursuing a course at the Columbia Law School, he was engaged in teaching at Quincy, Mass., for a time, and was for two years a tutor at Dartmouth College. In 1862 he was commissioned Major of the Fourteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, was later appointed Colonel of the Fourth United States Colored Regiment, and retired from the service with the rank of Brevet Major-general. During the years 1867 and 1868 he was special agent of the United States Treasury at Washington, was Examiner of Patents from 1868 to 1870, and Commissioner of Patents from 1870 to 1872. Later he became associated with his brother, Robert H., in New York City, and died October 18, 1895. On December 25, 1867, he married Julia Jones, of Washington, N.H.; and she became the mother of five children, three of whom are living. She is now residing in Englewood, N.J. Mrs. Samuel B. Duncan was ninety-four years old, when she died in 1871.

After graduating from the Kimball Union Academy in 1852, John Ticknor Duncan immediately turned his attention to agriculture. He succeeded to the home farm, and has since carried it on with success. The property, which contains about fifty acres, is located in the village of Meriden, nearly opposite the academy and adjoining Dexter Richard Hall, where many of the students board. In 1870 he succeeded his father as Treasurer and Trustee of the academy. This institution has from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and seventy-five students in attendance. Dexter Richard Hall, a handsome three-story building belonging to the academy, is used during the vacation season for summer boarders. Mr. Duncan has acted as a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public for the past twenty years. Politically, he supports the Republican party. He was a member of the New Hampshire Constitutional Convention of 1889.

ANDREW J. MITCHELL, one of Lempster's well-to-do farmers and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Acworth, N.H., August 3, 1828, son of William L. and Elmira (Moore) Mitchell. He is a descendant of Thomas and Mary (Mitchell) Mitchell, who emigrated from Ireland, and located in Londonderry, N.H. William and Martha (Wal-

lace) Mitchell, great-grandparents of Andrew J., settled upon a farm in Acworth in 1777. Jonathan Mitchell, grandfather of Andrew J., and a native of Acworth, spent the active period of his life engaged in agriculture. He married Nancy Mitchell, of Francestown, N.H., and his children were: William L.; James L.; Nancy, who died in Acworth; and Jonathan T.

William L. Mitchell, whose birth occurred in Acworth in 1804, was a lifelong resident of that town. He prosperously conducted a good farm, and was highly respected as an upright man and a worthy citizen. He lived to be seventy-six years old. His wife, Elmira Moore, who was born in Lempster in 1807, became the mother of ten children, as follows: Andrew J., the subject of this sketch; William L., who died in infancy; Elmira A., who died young; William L. (second), who married Jane Elliott, and is a farmer and milk dealer in Littleton, Mass.; Levi W., who married Harriet W. Brown, and is engaged in agriculture in Mason, N.H.; Alma A., who married Herbert L. Piper, of Acworth, and died in September, 1895; Abram, who wedded Frances Bailey, of Claremont, N.H., and is a prosperous farmer in Acworth; Jonathan T., who is also engaged in farming in that town; Nellie J., who did not reach maturity; and Clara L., who married George Miller, neither of whom is living. Mrs. William L. Mitchell lived to be seventy-seven years old. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Andrew J. Mitchell was reared in the common schools, and grew to manhood in Acworth. He resided at home until he was twenty-seven years old, assisting in carrying on the farm and working to some extent at shoemaking. In 1858 he bought the Way farm in Lempster, where he now resides. Since then he has enlarged the property from one hundred and five to two hundred acres, and made various improvements upon the land and buildings. In addition to carrying on general farming, he raises some fine cattle, manufactures considerable maple sugar, and cares for a large orchard. In politics he is an active supporter of the Prohibition party. He has served as Selectman and upon the School Board. He ably represented this district in the legislature during the years 1876 and 1877, and he has been a Justice of the Peace for some time.

On April 21, 1857, Mr. Mitchell was joined in marriage with Mary M. Whittemore. She was born in Wilton, N.H., September 28, 1827, daughter of Abram and Martha (Marshall) Whittemore, the former of whom was a native of Greenfield, and the latter of Tewksbury, Mass. Abram Whittemore was extensively engaged in agricultural and mercantile pursuits. The erection of the first cotton-mill in New Hampshire was due to his energy and enterprise. Mrs. Mitchell's grandfather, Major Amos Whittemore, was in the Revolutionary War, and served at Bunker Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have three children; namely, Abraham W., M.D., Martha A., and Nellie J. Martha died young. Abraham W. was educated in Lempster, Newport, and Meriden, N.H. His medical studies were begun at the University of the State of Vermont in Burlington; and he was graduated from the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1887, taking high rank in a class of one hundred and fifty-one students. He commenced the practice of his profession in Harrisville, N.H., where he remained about a year. Since then he has resided in Epping, N.H., which he now represents in the lower house of the State legislature. He married Harriett F. Perkins, daughter of Dr. Marshall

Perkins, of Marlow, N.H., and has three children — Avis W., Karl P., and Richard A. Nellie J. Mitchell is now the wife of Edward L. Pike, who is manager and superintendent of the cold storage buildings of the Providence Freezing Company, Providence, R.I. Mr. Mitchell is a member of the Congregational church; and he is connected with Cold River Grange, No. 19, Patrons of Husbandry, of Acworth. Mr. Mitchell has had a busy and useful life, and his industry has been attended with good financial results.

GEORGE W. GRIFFIN, of Franklin Falls village, the senior member of the firm G. W. Griffin & Co., and a native of Lisbon, N.H., was born April 2, 1839, son of George and Alice (Clark) Griffin. George Griffin manufactured wool in Danville and Barnet, Vt., for several years. Afterward he returned to Manchester, the place of his birth, and opened a store. The latter part of his life was spent at York Beach, Me. He was the proprietor of the Agamenticus Hotel there, and carried it on until the time of his death, which occurred in 1885, at the age of eighty-three years. He had six children, namely: William Henry, the eldest-born, who died in 1866; Almena J., who married Walter Bailey, a merchant of Lancaster, N.H.; Clara A., who married Thomas Howard, a wheelwright of Manchester; George W., the subject of this sketch; Georgia A., George's twin sister, who died in 1865; and Heber C., a mechanic, who married Ann McKiver, of Franklin, N.H.

Mr. Griffin received his education in the common schools of the county. When twenty years of age he engaged in the manufacture of needles with the Hon. Walter Aiken, remaining in that business until 1880. In that year he and P. C. Hancock began the manufacture of saws, which he has since continued. The firm's product includes patent scroll and hack saws and fine jeweller's saws. On November 7, 1860, Mr. Griffin was united in marriage with Miss Addie M. Burgess, of Jay Bridge, Me., daughter of Nathaniel Burgess, a miller of that place. His children were: George A., who died at the age of seven months; Ralph B. and Ernest L., who are employed in their father's factory. Mr. Griffin is a Mason of Meridian Lodge, No. 60, of Franklin. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and he is now a member of the City Council. He is connected with the Baptist church at Franklin. He is much esteemed by friends, neighbors, and customers, and is spoken of as one of the successful men of the town.

LEANDER W. COGSWELL, an influential resident of Henniker and a native of the town, was born November 18, 1825, son of David and Hannah (Haskell) Cogswell. After receiving his education in the academies of Henniker and Francestown, he taught school for several terms. In 1849 he went to California. Returning in 1854, he was engaged in a mercantile business in Henniker until July, 1861, when he was appointed route agent from Hillsborough Bridge to Manchester.

On the 13th of August, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company D, Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteers. September 4, 1862, he was commissioned Captain of the same company; and on August 20, 1864, he was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of his regiment. Following the fortunes of the regiment in the Ninth Army Corps, he participated in its memorable battles, sieges, and marches. During the last campaign of the

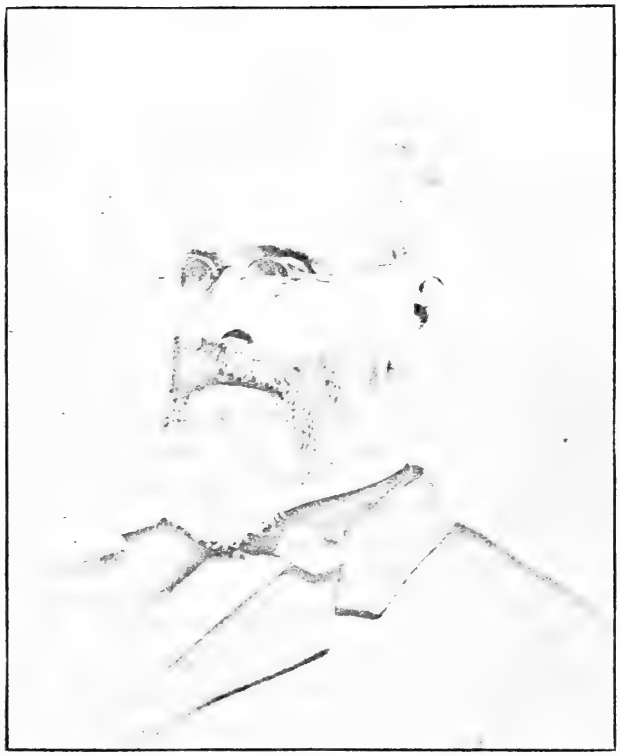
war he was for some months A. A. Inspector-general on the staff of Major-general S. G. Griffin, commanding the Second Brigade, Second Division of the Ninth Army Corps.

In 1866, 1867, 1870, and 1871, Mr. Cogswell represented his town in the legislature. In 1871 and 1872 he was State Treasurer, and from 1876 to 1881 he was one of the Savings Bank Commissioners. He was made a Justice of the Peace in 1876, and he has held several municipal offices. Besides giving much time and thought to public questions and to the discharge of his official duties, Mr. Cogswell has been an active member of various organizations. He was elected a member of the New Hampshire Historical Society, and he was President of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society. For many years he was Master of Aurora Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M.; and High Priest of Wood's Chapter, No. 14, Royal Arch Masons. Taking an earnest interest in educational matters, he was often Superintendent of Schools and a member of the School Board for several years under the town system. Mr. Cogswell has also done considerable literary work. He is master of a pleasing style, and is the author of the History of Henniker, N.H., a volume of several hundred pages; and of the History of the Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteers. In addition to these he has published several addresses delivered by him before various societies. On the 17th of May, 1853, Mr. Cogswell married Mary S., daughter of Oliver and Anna (Smith) Pillsbury, since which event he has made his home in Henniker.

O. P. & C. W. REDINGTON, manufacturers of carriage hubs at Roby's Corner in Warner, have for several years continued a business which was first established in Wenham, Mass., by Adam Redington. Adam Redington, grandfather of Oliver Patch Redington, whose name occupies the place of senior partner in that of the firm, was for many years a manufacturer in Wenham. Afterward he removed to Sunapee, Sullivan County, N.H., where he established a mill, and carried on his work until his death. He was succeeded in business by his son John. John transferred the business to Hopkinton, and thence to a mill on the North Road in Sutton, where his son, Oliver P., assisted him and learned the business.

Oliver P. Redington subsequently engaged in manufacturing in the town of Andover, this county, two years later locating at Roby's Corner. He started a water-power factory on the Warner River, about three miles above Waterloo, where he continued the manufacture of wooden bowls, adding that of excelsior. Subsequently, after enlarging his premises, he began making hubs and clothes-pins on a very small scale. Within a few years he acquired such a large trade in hubs that he confined his attention entirely to their manufacture. For these he uses elm timber, cut in New Hampshire, made into blocks, and seasoned by a special process, a large stock being constantly kept on hand. Abbott, Downing & Co., of Concord, use the hubs exclusively. However, seventy-five per cent. of the factory's output is exported on orders received from Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, and other distant places. During the last five years, in spite of the depressing financial condition of the country, the business has increased fifty per cent.

Oliver P. Redington was a well-read and intelligent man, though not college-bred. Both he and his brother, John S. Redington, were anxious for a college education; but Oliver, the elder, realizing that it would be im-



HON. JOHN KIMBALL.

possible for both to leave home, relinquished his chance in favor of his brother. Oliver also assisted his brother pecuniarily, so that John was enabled to enter Dartmouth, of which he was a student when his death occurred, in the first flush of manhood, with most flattering prospects of a brilliant career before him. Subsequently by close attention to business Oliver acquired a competency. He was a man of positive opinions, clear and courageous in his convictions, and a valued member of the Republican party, which he joined on its formation, having previously been a Whig. He died May 3, 1891.

Oliver P. Redington's first wife, whose maiden name was Betsey Morgan, died about five years before he did. Afterward he married her sister, Hannah Morgan. His children, all born of his first marriage, were: Mary Frances, who was educated at New London, N.H., and afterward taught school for some years in the States of Ohio, Illinois, and Pennsylvania, and is now the wife of Dr. Samuel J. Hayes, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Sarah, who was also for many years engaged in teaching, having been educated in the Simond's High School, and is now the wife of C. E. Hadley, the Superintendent of the New Hampshire Fruit Company; Annie, who died unmarried in 1877, aged twenty-six years; and Charles Walter.

Charles Walter Redington attended Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College at both Manchester and Concord, receiving a fine business education. The day that he attained his majority he was taken into partnership by his father, forming the firm O. P. & C. W. Redington. From his father he learned every detail of the business of which he is now the sole proprietor, having charge in later years of the outside work. On the well-improved farm, where he employs men to do the manual labor, he carries on general farming, making a specialty of a milk dairy. He is also interested in the New Merrimack Glove Company and the New Hampshire Fruit Company of Concord, each of which he serves as Director. In politics he is an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and usually attends all party conventions in this section of New England. On March 7, 1878, Mr. Redington married Miss Ida M. Blood, daughter of A. B. and Mary Eveline (Muzzey) Blood. She is a woman of culture, and for some years prior to her marriage taught school in this vicinity. Born in Newbury, N.H., she was educated in Bradford, where her parents resided many years.

HON. JOHN KIMBALL, A.M., ex-mayor of Concord, N.H., a man of strong character, sterling worth, and more than ordinary ability, is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens. He was born in Canterbury, N.H., April 13, 1821, a son of Benjamin and Ruth (Ames) Kimball. The Kimballs have been domiciled in New England for more than two hundred and sixty years, and have given to these States many intelligent and capable men and women. The first immigrants of the name, Henry and Richard Kimball, with their wives and children, fled from the religious persecutions of the Old World, and found freedom and prosperity in the new. Joseph Kimball, who was of the fifth generation in America, was the great-grandfather of John Kimball. He was born in Exeter, N.H., and died in Canterbury.

John Kimball was apprenticed at the age of seventeen to his father's cousin, William Moody Kimball, to learn the millwright's trade; and, as he had a natural gift for mechanics, it was not long before he was a

skilled and competent workman. He was employed as a millwright in Suncook and Manchester, N.H., and Lowell and Lawrence, Mass. In 1848 he took charge of the new machine and car shops of the Concord Railroad in this city. In 1850 he was master mechanic; and he efficiently acted in that capacity for eight years, turning his attention then from mechanical to other pursuits. In the railroad service his practical skill and sound judgment were in constant requisition, and his training and experience there were afterward used to good account in behalf of the city and State. He gradually became interested in various financial and political enterprises, and as his ability became recognized greater responsibilities devolved upon him. Thousands of dollars were intrusted to him as guardian, trustee, administrator, and executor, and never was a trust betrayed or slighted; and, to quote from a local paper, "as Treasurer of the New Hampshire Bible Society, the New Hampshire Orphans' Home, and various other such institutions, he has been trustworthy, painstaking, and just." For twenty-six years he has been Treasurer of the Merrimack County Savings Bank. He has been for a number of years a Director of the Mechanics National Bank; and he has filled the office of President of the Concord Gas Light Company, of which he is now Treasurer. In 1880, when the Manchester & Keene Railroad was placed in the hands of the court, the late Chief Justice Doe appointed Mr. Kimball one of the Trustees.

Mr. Kimball's father and grandfather were stanch Whigs; and he has followed the family traditions, giving his lifelong allegiance to the Republican party. He was for twenty-seven years Treasurer of the Republican State Committee. In 1856 he was elected to the Common Council of this city. In 1857 he was re-elected and chosen President of that body. In 1858 he was sent to the House of Representatives from Ward Five, where he has always made his home since he took up his residence in this city; and he was re-elected in 1859, and presided as Chairman of the Committee on State Prison. From 1859 to 1862 he was City Marshal and Tax Collector of Concord; and his administration was marked by "promptness, accuracy, and close devotion to the interests of the people." In 1862 President Lincoln appointed him Collector of Internal Revenue for the Second District of New Hampshire, comprising Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties; and during the seven years he held the office he collected and paid to the Treasurer of the United States nearly seven million dollars. He was for eleven years Moderator of Ward Five, an impartial and clear-headed presiding officer; and for a number of years he served acceptably as moderator of the Union School District.

In 1872 through a popular movement he was elected Mayor of Concord. He was honored with re-election in 1873, 1874, and 1875, annual elections then being the law. Immediately after his installation as Mayor a severe freshet injured five of the seven wooden bridges over the Merrimack and Contoocook Rivers. As superintendent of roads and bridges he repaired these structures in such a manner as to demonstrate his mechanical knowledge, replacing the insecure bridges by substantial structures that defy the wear and tear of time and travel. During his administration the water supply system from Penacook Lake was completed; and he was afterward elected one of the Water Commissioners, and served for fourteen years as President of the Board. While he was Mayor, also, the fire department was invested with new dignity by the city government, the central fire station and other

buildings of which they are justly proud being erected under the supervision of Mayor Kimball. Blossom Hill Cemetery was doubled in size, the main thoroughfares of the city were graded and improved, and stone culverts replaced the primitive wooden ones which had served for years.

In 1876 Mr. Kimball was elected a member of the convention to revise the Constitution of the State, and served as Chairman of its Committee on Finance. In 1877 an appropriation was made by the legislature for a new State Prison; and upon the passage of the law, which was a carefully guarded one, Governor Benjamin F. Prescott, with the advice of his council, appointed Mr. Kimball, Albert M. Shaw, and Alfred J. Pillsbury commissioners to carry the law into effect. Mr. Kimball was chosen chairman of the board. Under these commissioners the present penitentiary was completed in the fall of 1880, every dollar appropriated being prudently and judiciously expended. In November, 1880, Mr. Kimball was elected to the State Senate from the Tenth Senatorial District; and when the Senate was organized, in June, 1881, he was chosen President. In this honorable position he presided with wisdom, dignity, and courtesy. He was chairman of the committee that built the high school, and he has rendered such services to the cause of popular education that one of the handsomest modern school-houses in Concord has been named in his honor the Kimball School. Mr. Kimball was honored with the degree of Master of Arts by Dartmouth College in 1884. He is a Director of the Republican Press Association of Concord.

On May 27, 1846, he was married to Maria H. Phillips, of Rupert, Vt., who died December 22, 1894. He has since married Miss Charlotte Atkinson, a lady of culture and refinement. His only child, a daughter — Clara Maria, born March 20, 1848 — was married June 4, 1873, to Augustine R. Ayers, of this city, and has several children.

In person Mr. Kimball is tall, erect, and remarkably well-preserved for a man of seventy-six. He is a total abstainer, and his modes of life are regular. He is firm and decided, with strong confidence in his own judgment; frank and downright, always giving right the precedence of policy; somewhat bluff in manner, but never discourteous; open-hearted and free, kindly and sensitive. A careful reader, he is particularly fond of genealogical and historical research; and he speaks and writes with precision. Faithful in every relation of life, public and domestic, he is valued and loved by all. Mr. Kimball has travelled abroad, and is one of the most cultured men of the day. In 1843 he joined the Congregational church at his old home in Boscawen, N.H.; and for a great many years he has been a member of the South Congregational Church of Concord, contributing generously to its support.

DR. J. H. SANBORN, a retired physician of Franklin Falls, was born in Meredith, N.H., September 23, 1830, son of John and Susan (Hubbard) Sanborn. His grandfather, Jeremiah Sanborn, represented Sanbornton in the first legislature, that met in Exeter in 1784. Highly prized by the family are a compass, a book on surveying, and a powder-horn that belonged to Jeremiah, all over one hundred and twenty-five years old. Another cherished relic is a pewter platter that has been handed down in the Hubbard family for two hundred and sixty-five years, since it was brought over from England.

Dr. John Sanborn, the father of the subject of this article, lived in Sanbornton until

1815. Then he moved to Meredith, N.H., and there practised medicine till his death, which occurred in 1870. His wife died in 1866. Of their four children the third died in infancy. The others were: Jesse Appleton, Susan Catherine, and J. H. Jesse was a physician at Plymouth, and is now deceased. Susan Catherine became the wife of Levi Leach, both of whom are also deceased.

Dr. J. H. Sanborn, the subject of this sketch, received his early education in the common schools of Meredith and at Gilmanton Academy. Then he studied medicine with his father and brother, and later on with Dr. Benjamin R. Palmer, of Woodstock, Vt., and the president of Vermont Medical College. At the end of the four years spent in this way he then went to Berkshire Medical College at Pittsfield, Mass., and remained there from 1850 till 1852. He also attended the Medical College at Woodstock, Vt. He received his medical certificate in November, 1852, and then began practice with his father in Meredith. In the following year he went to Alstead, and had been there three years when he returned to Meredith, and practised from 1856 till September, 1862. He was then commissioned as Assistant Surgeon in the army, and continued in service up to July, 1864, when he was honorably discharged on account of physical disability. He returned to Meredith, and was there engaged in his profession until January 20, 1874, when he came to Franklin Falls. Here he has remained since, having his office at his residence. He is a comrade of George F. Swett Post, G. A. R., of Franklin Falls; and he is a Royal Arch Mason, having membership in Meridian Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M. He has always taken an active interest in politics, and has the remarkable record of never having missed an election. He has been a stanch Republican since he cast his first vote for Fremont, and he is a member of the Congregational church at Meredith.

The Doctor was married May 16, 1854, to Elizabeth H. Leach, daughter of the Rev. Giles Leach, a Congregational minister of Meredith. Born March 23, 1834, she died February 18, 1895. Four children came of this union; namely, Giles Leach, Hattie L., Susan Lillian, and Elizabeth Thompson. Giles Leach, born March 26, 1855, died in August, 1855. Hattie L., born June 21, 1856, became the wife of Edgar A. Jones, who is employed in the counting-room at Aiken's Mill. They now reside with the Doctor. Susan Lillian, born in 1861, died in 1872; and Elizabeth T., born in 1873, died January 17, 1887.

CHARLES A. NEWTON, a well-to do farmer of Unity and an ex-member of the State legislature, was born in Plainfield, July 2, 1854, son of General Charles L. and Mary M. (Gilman) Newton. His grandfather, Rufus Newton, was a native of Grafton, Mass., who settled upon a farm in Plainfield, and there resided for the rest of his life. Rufus married Polly Ryder, and reared a family of five children, who are all living. They are: Charles L., Rufus G., Francis J., Adeline, and Ann.

Charles L. Newton was born in Plainfield. When a young man he engaged in farming. He resided in his native town until 1859, when he moved to a farm in Unity; and the rest of his life was spent in this town. He was an able farmer and a citizen of more than ordinary worth and ability. He attained prominence in military affairs, and ranked as Major-general in the State militia. General Newton died January 21, 1865. His wife, Mary M. Gilman Newton, was born in Unity, daugh-

ter of Sewell and Deborah (Comstock) Gilman, natives respectively of Unity and Newport, N.H. Sewell Gilman, who was a prosperous farmer, died June 10, 1855; and his wife died January 26, 1869. Their children were: Henrietta, Sylvester, Randolph, Mary M., and Henry. Of these the only survivor is Mary M., who resides with her son. She has had two children, namely: Annie H., born May 28, 1849, who died November 3, 1869; and Charles A., the subject of this sketch.

Charles A. Newton, having begun his education in Unity, completed it by attending school in Meriden for two terms. His father's death, which occurred when Charles was about eleven years old, caused him to undertake the management of the farm while still young; and his early experience has proved exceedingly beneficial to him. He now owns two hundred acres of fertile land, which he devotes to general farming and dairying; and he keeps an average of fifteen cows. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is a leading spirit in local affairs. He was a Selectman in 1887, Supervisor for a number of years, and represented this district in the legislature in 1889 and 1890. He was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen from 1891 to 1897, and he has been Moderator at town meetings for the past six years.

On February 17, 1886, Mr. Newton was united in marriage with Speedie A. Clough. She was born in Newport, February 17, 1865, daughter of Reuben M. and Sarah (Griffin) Clough. The father, who was a native of Unity, died in February, 1888. Mrs. Clough, who was born in Newport, N.H., and is now residing in Unity, has had three children — Abbie, George G., and Speedie A. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Newton are: Charles Stark, born April 19, 1887; Perlie A., born January 20, 1894; and Annie A., born February 22, 1896. Mr. Newton is an Odd Fellow of Sugar River Lodge, No. 55, and Stony Brook Encampment, of Newport; and he is connected with Sunapee Mountain Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of Goshen, of which he was Master in 1896.

GEORGE E. SHEPARD, of Franklin village, who is a prominent lumberman of Merrimack County, was born March 28, 1840, son of George and Abigail (Hill) Shepard. The grandfather was Ebenezer Shepard, a farmer and a lifelong resident of New London, N.H., where his son George was born. George Shepard became a farmer, and lived in Wilmot during forty years of his life. He made his home at one time in New London, N.H., and later moved to East Andover. His wife, Abigail, was the widow of Edmund Chadwick and a daughter of Edward Hill, a carpenter of West Newbury, Mass. She died leaving three children. These were: Emery B. Chadwick, now deceased, born of her first marriage; Mary A. Shepard, born of her second marriage, April 18, 1834; and George E., the subject of this sketch. Mary became the wife of D. M. Hazen, a confectioner of Cambridgeport, Mass., and has six children — Frank, Katie A., Mary E. (deceased), George E., Willie W., and Abbie.

George E. Shepard was well educated in the academies at Andover and New London. At the age of twenty he commenced to learn the spinner's trade in the woollen factory of Johnson & Colby at Wilmot, N.H., and remained four years there. Then he bought an interest in the mill, when the firm name became Colby, Shepard & Co., who were manufacturers of hosiery and full cloth. Six years

later he sold his share, and bought of Richard Messer a sixth-interest in the scythe manufactory at Scytheville, New London. He was stock buyer and salesman for about three years, when, again selling his interest, he returned to the woollen industry, removing with Mr. R. O. Messer to East Andover, with whom he manufactured hosiery for three years. Then he was engaged in the lumber business with his cousin, J. Eli Shepard, at New London for three years, after which he became the wood and tie agent of the Northern Railroad, later receiving the appointment of purchasing agent for the Boston & Lowell Railroad, with which company he continued for four years. After returning to East Andover, he was engaged in the lumber business with several different parties until in 1892, when he went into partnership with Walter S. Carr and Mr. Neal. This firm has an office at Franklin. Mr. Shepard bought his present home, known as United States Senator Austin F. Pike Homestead, where he has lived since November 25, 1893. He is the President and a Director of the Beecher Falls Furniture Company at Beecher Falls, Vt. In January, 1896, when the Mayo Knitting Machine and Needle Company was organized, Mr. Shepard became a member. He is a Director of this company, also of the First National Bank; and he is a Trustee of the Franklin Falls Savings Bank.

Mr. Shepard has been twice married, on the first occasion to Miss Mary A. Johnson, of North Weare, N.H. She died in October, 1885, leaving no children. On January 11, 1887, he contracted his second marriage with Carrie S. Seamans, of New London, daughter of Daniel S. and Frances Mary (Dodge) Seamans. Her mother died March 19, 1892; and her father now resides in New London. Their four children were: Frances Abbie, who died at the age of nineteen; Carrie S., now Mrs. Shepard; Etta Pearson, who married Bradford J. Dunbar, a salesman residing in Malden, Mass.; and John A., who married Kate McDonald, lives in New London, and has four children — Daniel D., George L., Agnes, and Frances Mary. Mr. Shepard is a stanch Republican. He is connected with the King Solomon Lodge, No. 14, F. & A. M. He is a Director of the Concord Axle Company in Concord, N.H. His many business interests have placed him among the leading men of Franklin and Franklin Falls.

JAMES E. RANDLETT, a well-known architect of Concord, was born September 5, 1846, in Quincy, Mass., son of James S. and Abbie O. (Chase) Randlett. The father, a native of Gilford, N.H., worked at his trade of stone cutter for a number of years in the stone yards of Quincy. One of the largest and most important buildings in whose construction he assisted, was the custom-house in Boston, Mass. He is now living retired in Concord, N.H.

His wife, Abbie, who came from Biddeford, Me., has had three children, namely: Abbie A., who died in 1865; Henry K., who resides in New York City; and James E., the subject of this sketch.

James E. Randlett, our subject, was educated in the district schools of Quincy, Mass., and of Gilmanton, N.H., and from private tutors in the evening. Upon the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, when only fifteen years of age, he enlisted as a drummer boy in Company B, Twelfth Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. At the first opportunity that presented itself he forsook the drum for the musket, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. His term of service in the army

covered three years. On its expiration he went to Lowell, Mass., and there learned the carpenter and cabinet-maker trades. These he afterward followed for some twenty years. Having subsequently returned to Concord, he was the first man to receive the appointment of letter-carrier when the United States free letter delivery service was established in that city. After holding that position for about four years, he resigned, and was appointed the keeper of the State House at Concord. This office he resigned after two years, to enter into partnership with Edward Dow, the architect. Since Mr. Dow's death in July, 1894, Mr. Randlett has continued the business alone. He has designed many prominent and well-known structures, both public and private, among which are the main building of the New Hampshire Agricultural College at Durham, the town halls of Antrim and Epping, and the Capital Fire Insurance Building. Numerous business blocks in the towns of Newport and Exeter were also erected on his plans. He drew the plans, and built at his own expense a fine edifice, which was greatly needed, for the especial use of the Young Men's Christian Association of Concord, and which he still owns. He was Adjutant of the Third New Hampshire Regiment for five years. At one time he was the Assistant Inspector of the Grand Army of the Republic, under General Cogswell.

Mr. Randlett married Georgie Gray, of Concord, and has two children. His son, Clarence B., who at one time was Deputy Secretary of State of New Hampshire, and now resides at Council Bluffs, Ia., married Florence Langmaid, and has one child, William E. Mr. Randlett's daughter, Elizabeth M., who is unmarried, lives at home with her parents. In politics a Republican, he cast his first Presidential vote for General Grant in 1868. He is a comrade of Sturdevant Post, No. 2, G. A. R., of Concord; and a member of the K. of P. and K. of H. Mr. Randlett is highly esteemed both for his private character and for the high rank he has taken in his profession.

JOSEPH WARREN PIERCE, a prominent resident of South Cornish, was born August 18, 1837, at Winchester, N.H., son of Hosea and Verlina (Putnam) Pierce. On the maternal side he traces his ancestry back to Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary fame, and to General Joseph Warren, the hero of Bunker Hill. His grandfather, Elihu Pierce, born in Connecticut, married a Torrey, and had three children. Elihu carried on a large farming business, and was very prominent in town affairs in New Salem, Mass., where, after being a resident for the greater part of his life, he died. He was Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for many years. His children were: Hosea, Alvira, and a daughter who became Mrs. Putnam. Alvira married Silas Spear, of Orange, Mass. Mrs. Putnam, who had three children, died at New Salem.

Hosea Pierce, born in New Salem in 1801, was a physician, having graduated from a medical college at Pittsfield, Mass. He settled in Winchester, N.H., and practised there for about fifty years, acquiring, it is claimed, the largest practice of any physician in this section of the State. He was sent as Representative to the legislature from his district for two terms. By his wife, Verlina, he was the father of three children — George W., Elihu P., and Joseph W. George W., who is a physician, has succeeded to his brother's practice. He married Maria C. Follett, who had by him four children, all of whom are living. The other brother, Elihu, born at Winchester, lives at Springfield, Mass., where he

is a practising physician. He has been three times married. The first wife was Maria Baker Pierce, and his present wife is Emma Bullard Pierce. Both brothers served in the Civil War.

Joseph Warren Pierce was educated in the public schools at Winchester and in Mount Cæsar Academy at Swanzey, N.H. He afterward studied dentistry, and began to practise it in the South, where he worked for two or three years. He then came North, and located in Winchester. One year after he went to the military school at Philadelphia, Pa., and from there into the army. He entered as Second Lieutenant of the Fifth Regiment of United States Infantry, and was in action at Fort Harrison and Deep Bottom, and was present at the surrender of Petersburg, at Bunkersville Point, Farnumville, and Appomattox. After the war Mr. Pierce was engaged in a mercantile business for fourteen years at Claremont, and then bought a farm in Cornish. He married Mary Emmeline Fairbanks, of Winchester. His only child, Verlina Relief, who was born September 27, 1872, married Clyde Rawson, of Cornish, the superintendent of mills at Springfield, Vt. Mr. Pierce never held a public office, notwithstanding the fact that he takes an earnest interest in all the public affairs of the town. He has, however, been President of the Republican Club for a number of years and one of the supervisors of the check list of the town.

JOHN C. WEBSTER, a leading resident of Danbury, was born in Pelham, N.H., February 24, 1833, son of John Webster and a descendant of the famous Webster family. The first Webster in this country came from Ipswich, England, and settled in Ipswich, Mass. John C. belongs to the eighth generation in America. The paternal grandfather, Ebenezer, went when a young man to Pelham from Haverhill, Mass., and there cleared and settled on a farm given him by his father. Ebenezer married Elizabeth Bradford.

John Webster, also a native of Pelham, was a farmer, and lived for many years on the homestead cleared by Ebenezer. He subsequently sold his place at Pelham, and removed to Hudson, where he died in his ninety-second year. His wife, Hannah Cummings Webster, had thirteen children, all born on the homestead except the youngest. Eleven of these reached maturity; namely, Elizabeth, Moses, Sally, Lovice, Lucy, Kimball, Hannah, John C., Nathan, Willard, and Orrin. The survivors besides John C. are: Elizabeth, who resides in Hudson, the widow of Warren Blodgett; Sally, who is the widow of Simeon Titcomb, and has three children — Albert, Charles, and Nellie; Lovice, who is Mrs. John Baker, of Hudson, and has three children — John P., Willis, and Nettie R.; Lucy, who is the mother of five children and the wife of Daniel B. Cluff, of Haverhill, Mass.; and Kimball, who is married and has five daughters.

John C. Webster, the eighth child of his parents, received his early training in the public schools. Later he studied at Hudson Academy. He then engaged in the shoe business for about five years, and afterward lived in Boston, where he carried on a business in periodicals. Returning afterward to New Hampshire, he opened a general merchandise store at Andover. In 1863 he came to Danbury, where he has since lived.

Mr. Webster has been twice married. The first Mrs. Webster, whose maiden name was Miss Hannah C. Keniston, had one son, Frank K. The name of his present wife before her

marriage was Addie L. Currier. Mr. and Mrs. Webster have a daughter by adoption, Gertie Bell. Mr. Webster has always taken an active part in civil affairs. In 1890–91 he was Sheriff of the county. A re-election to the office was lost by only one vote. He has served in the more important town offices, having been Town Clerk for seventeen years and Selectman for ten years. In 1870–71 he was a member of the legislature. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and his first Presidential vote was cast for James Buchanan in 1856. He is an esteemed member of the Masonic order.

ARTHUR WILSON SILSBY, of Concord, who for the past thirteen years has been Judge of Probate for Merrimack County, was born in Concord, August 28, 1851, son of George H. H. and Sarah F. (Chickering) Silsby. He is a direct descendant of Henry Silsby, who emigrated from England about the year 1630, and settled in Salem, Mass. Captain Henry Silsby, great-grandfather of Arthur W., was an early settler in Acworth, N.H. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was a member of the Committee of Public Safety. His son, Ozias, Judge Silsby's grandfather, was a Congregational preacher.

George H. H. Silsby, the father of Judge Silsby, born in Hillsborough, came to reside in Concord when he was fifteen years old. He was a stationer, printer, and bookbinder, and followed that business during the active period of his life. His wife, Sarah, who was born in Danvers, Mass., descended from Revolutionary patriots. Her grandfather, John Chickering, participated in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Arthur Wilson Silsby acquired his education in the public and high schools of Concord. He also took a short course at the well-known Phillips Academy in Exeter, N.H., and fitted for college. He commenced the study of law with the firm of Minot, Tappan & Mugridge, of Concord. Later, after completing his preparations with Mr. Mugridge, he was admitted to the Merrimack County bar in August, 1877. Thereupon he entered into practice, remaining in the office with Mr. Mugridge until his death, which took place in April, 1884. On September 14, 1883, he was appointed Judge of Probate; and he has since presided over that court with ability, and gives general satisfaction. His decisions have been marked by an earnest desire to accord justice in all cases coming before him, and he has shown that he is eminently qualified for this responsible office. Judge Silsby is unmarried. In politics he supports the Republican party. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution.

GEORGE BARSTOW WALKER, a leading resident of Cornish, comes of a family whose representatives have been distinguished for manly Christian character and pure lives. His grandfather, Peter Walker, lived and died in Cornish, and was one of the prominent farmers of this section. Peter had four children — Joseph, Moses, Cyrus, and Eathan — none of whom are now living.

Moses Walker, the father of George B., was born in Cornish in 1812. He was educated in the town schools, and began his working life as a farmer. Later he did a large business, and became very prosperous. Besides doing more or less general farming, he raised high-bred cattle and horses. Throughout his life he was prominently identified with the Democratic party, and he was several

times a candidate for Selectman on the Democratic ticket. He was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Martha Davis, bore him one child, Henry Warner Walker, who was born in 1831, and resides in Cornish, engaged in farming. The second wife, christened Betsy Bugbee, was the mother of seven children; namely, George B., Eliza Ann, Martin L. and Louis N. (twins), Melvin Alanson, Maria, and Luella. Eliza married Hiram York, resides with her husband at South Cornish, and has two children — Elmer E. and Ida. Mr. York is one of the leading farmers of the town. Martin L. Walker, who is a prosperous farmer of Cornish and a Deacon of the Congregational church, married Lizzie Bailey, and has twelve children. Louis Walker, a gunsmith by trade and the owner of considerable property, married Kate Sawtelle, and resides in Ilion, N.Y. Retaining the fondness for flowers that characterized him when a boy, he has built a fine large hot-house, to which he devotes considerable time. He is and always has been a stanch Democrat. Melvin Walker married Lydia Cole, and has one daughter, Fannie. He is likewise a Democrat, and is a sturdy, enterprising farmer. Maria is the wife of Henry Fairbanks, and lives in Claremont, this State. Luella is now the widow of Eastman Bean, and resides in Claremont with her daughter.

George B. Walker was born in Cornish, August 29, 1841. He received his early education in the schools of his native town. Upon starting life for himself, he became a farmer and carpenter. He has always been a busy man; and, though a loyal Democrat and deeply interested in the affairs of the town, his many business interests have prevented him from taking any very active part in politics. His character as a citizen is irreproachable, and he has many warm friends. Mr. Walker married Lorette Jackson, of Cornish, daughter of Newton and Ellen (Chapman) Jackson; and two sons have blessed the marriage. The elder son, John Jackson, was born in Cornish, September 14, 1871, and died May 23, 1888. He was in every respect a most promising young man, and his character from childhood showed the effects of his early Christian training. At the time of his death he was a member of the Christian Endeavor Society and the Church Temperance Society connected with the church in which he had been brought up. He was soon to have united with the church. The younger son, Homer Newton, born October 11, 1878, lives at home, and is the object of tenderest affection of his parents. He works in the saw-mill, and is ambitious and enterprising. Mrs. Walker, like her husband, is a member of the Congregational church, and an active worker in its benevolent and auxiliary societies. Her mother is still living, and is now Mrs. Jacob Beal.

BENJAMIN F. GALE, who was for many years a prominent citizen of Concord, was born May 13, 1819. His grandfather, Daniel Gale, a son of Captain Benjamin Gale, was a native of Haverhill, Mass. A blacksmith by trade, Daniel came at the age of twenty to Concord, and here married Ruth Carter, a daughter of Dr. Ezra Carter, the first physician of Concord. The father, Benjamin Gale, kept a tavern at the corner of Warren and Main Streets in Concord for forty years. This was in the days of the old stage-coach, before the railroad was built; and the greater part of the travellers of that time stopped with Landlord Gale. He had an extensive acquaintance,

and was a favorite with all classes of people on account of his geniality and kindly courtesy. He moved at last to a house on Pleasant Street, where he died at the age of eighty-seven years, leaving the reputation of a benevolent man. His wife, Prudence, was a daughter of James Varnum, a soldier who served seven years in the War of Independence, and a comrade of ex-Governor Pierce, of this State. Benjamin and Prudence Gale reared six children — James V., Ruth C., Eleanor V., John V., Benjamin F., and Levi B. The only one of these now living is Eleanor, who resides in the West, nearly ninety years of age. The father died August 11, 1856.

Benjamin F. Gale received his education from the district schools and in the academies at Francestown and Hopkinton. Later on he taught school in Francestown Academy. At the age of twenty-one years he was a surveyor, and went to the West in order to secure employment in the government land surveys. Here, however, he was taken sick of fever, and was obliged to return home. He then bought the Kemp pasture, a stretch of fifty acres, all being good house lots. Afterward for a number of years he was engaged in the nursery business, and was prominent in town affairs. Respected for his integrity and good judgment, his fellow-townsmen chose him to fill important town offices. For four years he was City Marshal. In 1863 and 1864 he was Mayor of the city, and for several terms he was its Representative in the State legislature. In politics Mr. Gale was one of the Republican leaders in this section. He was Orthodox in religious belief and a constant attendant of the Congregational church.

In June, 1846, Mr. Gale was united in marriage with Julia L. Morse, daughter of Mark and Rebecca (Campbell) Morse. Mrs. Morse is a relation of S. F. B. Morse, the inventor of the telegraph, and of Elijah Morse, of Canton, the ex-Congressman and philanthropist. She belongs to the seventh generation descended from Samuel Morse, who was the progenitor of the race in this country, and is buried at Medfield, Mass.

CHARLES H. FARNUM, the owner of a fine farm in Concord, comes of ancestors who were among the earliest settlers of the town. He was born upon the patrimonial estate, December 30, 1838, son of Benjamin and Emily (Farnum) Farnum. According to New England records the first bearer of the name in this country was Ralph Farnum, who came from Wales; while the first representative of the family in Concord was Benjamin, the great-grandfather of Charles H. Ephraim Farnum, the grandfather, who was born in West Concord on the estates of his ancestors, reclaimed from the wilderness a large tract of land, which he left to his heirs, a large and well-improved property. He died at the age of sixty-five years. He married Sarah Brown, of Plymouth, N.H., who bore him six children — Joseph, Nancy, Benjamin, Susan D., Lydia, and Luther. Luther, who died March 15, 1897, at the advanced age of eighty-one years, was the noted Professor Farnum, who had been connected with the Public Library of Boston, Mass., for more than forty years.

Benjamin Farnum, Jr., was born on the family estate in West Concord, and received his education in the district schools of his native town. At his father's decease he inherited the farm, and took up and continued its cultivation and improvement from the stage where his father had dropped it. In the year 1845 he erected a fine set of new buildings,

which are still standing. He was regarded by his generation as an able and progressive man, and he carried on an extensive business in farming. For more than forty years he was a Deacon in the First Concord Congregational Church, and he attained the advanced age of eighty-seven years and seven months. He married Emily Farnum, daughter of Moses and Rhoda (Carter) Farnum, and reared a family of six children. These were: George, who died at the age of fifteen years; Rhoda, who died at the age of twenty years; Charles H., the subject of this sketch; Cyrus R., who lives in Concord; Lewis C., a resident of McGregor, Ia., who married Jennie Tiffany, and has one daughter, Emily F.; and George E., a farmer, living in Spencer, Ia., who married Josephine Jacobs, and has four children — Roswell, Eugenia F., Annie E., and Mattie B.

Charles H. Farnum received his education in the public and private schools of Concord and at Colby Academy of New London, N.H. At the age of twenty-two years he went to California, where he remained three and a half years engaged in the teaming business. In 1863 he went to Nevada, and was there some five years, teaming, lumbering, and running a saw-mill. It was his purpose to remain longer; but, on paying a visit to his home, he yielded to the earnest solicitation of his mother, and took up his residence again on the homestead estate, where he still lives.

On November 29, 1870, which is memorable as the day on which the old Concord church was destroyed by fire, Mr. Farnum was united in marriage to Annie L. Farnum, the daughter of Moses H. and Judith (Kilburn) Farnum. Mrs. Farnum's grandfather, Enoch Kilburn, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Her only child died in infancy. Mr. Farnum is a Republican in his politics, and he cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He enjoys the esteem and good will of his fellow-citizens, who at one time selected him to represent them in their City Council.

EDWARD BRYANT, a prominent resident of Cornish, was born in this town, February 7, 1837, son of Daniel and Cloe (Hildreth) Bryant. His grandfather, Israel Bryant, born in Connecticut, came to Cornish when a young man. Israel and his wife were the parents of nine children. Of these Daniel, a native of Cornish, born in 1815, was educated in the public schools of his native town. After completing his education he engaged in farming. Subsequently for many years he was foreman of the stock farm of Ebenezer Pike, having charge of the best blooded cattle in the country. His reputation was that of a man who thoroughly understood how to secure the finest results from the breeding and raising of fine-blooded animals. Devoted to his home, he did not aspire to political distinction. His religious views were liberal, and he was a regular attendant at the Universalist church. On the first day of May, 1834, he married Cloe, daughter of Samuel Hildreth, of Cornish. They had four children — George, Edward, Charles, and Charlotte. George, born January 22, 1836, died in infancy; Charles, born October 3, 1838, died between the ages of three and four years; Charlotte, born in Cornish, was educated in the public schools of the town, at Kimball Union Academy, and at Windsor, Vt. She married William E. Westgate, and has two children — Earl and Martha, both of whom are married.

Edward Bryant obtained his education in the public schools of his native town and at the Claremont Academy. He then went to

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work on the farm with his father. Upon the death of the latter he succeeded to the management of the property, which has been in his charge ever since. Like his father, he prefers the quiet of his own fireside to the turmoil of public life. He attends and supports the Universalist church; is a Mason of Cheshire Lodge, No. 23; and was for a time a member of the grange. Mr. Bryant married Miss Julia Helen Gilkey, of Plainfield, daughter of James Gilkey. Born August 5, 1842, she died November 6, 1889. Her four children were: James D., Julia Janette, Charles E., and John G. James, the eldest son, born March 1, 1861, has always assisted his father on the farm. Julia, born March 1, 1872, is housekeeping for her father. Charles, born April 21, 1873, who was educated at Cornish and Windsor, went into the hotel business as clerk, and has been connected with the Windsor House at Windsor and with hotels in Claremont and Lowell. John, born March 4, 1875, after leaving school, learned the jeweller's business, but was subsequently obliged to give it up. He is now in the hotel business in Massachusetts.

GAWN E. GORRELL, a farmer and well-known Republican of Northfield, was born May 16, 1857, son of Clough and Sarah (Forrest) Gorrell, both natives of Northfield. The grandfather, Gawn A. Gorrell, a native of Salem, Mass., was the first of the family to come to Northfield. He settled on a farm near the home now occupied by his grandson, and resided there until his death.

Clough Gorrell was also a farmer. When quite a young man he settled on the Thomas Clough farm, where his son now lives, and lived there for the remainder of his life. He died May 20, 1890, at the age of eighty years. His wife's death occurred December 19, 1888, at the age of seventy-four. She was born September 8, 1814, daughter of William and Nancy (Dearborn) Forrest, and the fourth of the nine children born to her parents. She joined the Methodist Episcopal church, now of Tilton, and was subsequently a steadfast member for fifty-six years. A woman of energy and character, she was a faithful wife and one of the kindest of mothers. The two children born to them both grew to maturity. Addie, the elder, married Thomas W. Long, and since his decease she has lived on the Long homestead in Northfield. She had one child, Marcia E., who died at the age of seven years.

After finishing the course of the Northfield public schools, Gawn E. Gorrell studied at Tilton Seminary, teaching at the same time in the district schools. On the death of his father he assumed charge of the homestead farm, where he has since devoted himself to farming. He owns one hundred and fifty acres of land, and he has supplemented the improvements begun by his father with new and substantial buildings. Besides carrying on general farming with success, he keeps a profitable dairy.

Earnestly interested in the general welfare of his native town, and taking an active part in politics, Mr. Gorrell has served in some town offices. He was Selectman in 1881–82, 1883–84, and 1891–92. He was a member of the School Board from 1891 to 1897, and he is also a Trustee of the Ionia Savings Bank of Tilton. An Odd Fellow in good standing, he is a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 65, of Tilton, and of Tilton Encampment. He is also a member of Friendship Grange, No. 110, of Northfield, and a regular attendant of all the meetings of that organization. He attends

the Congregational church; while his sister, Mrs. Long, is a member of the Methodist church. It is needless to say that the subject of this sketch is a popular man, both in the town and in the county.

BARTLETT BROTHERS, comprising Erastus H. and Ai J. Bartlett, are the proprietors of the Excelsior Mills at Warner. The plant was first established by these gentlemen in 1872 as a pail, butter tub, and sap bucket factory. The original mill was destroyed by fire in 1873, entailing a loss of three hundred and fifty dollars beyond their entire assets, a grievous blow to the two young men just started in business. Nothing daunted, however, they commenced again on borrowed money. This time they engaged in the manufacture of excelsior for mattresses and furniture, in which they have since built up an extensive and lucrative business.

In making excelsior the firm uses poplar wood, which is obtained anywhere within a radius of from twenty to forty miles from the village, and costs five dollars a cord. They began on a modest scale, their output at the start being but fifteen hundred pounds of excelsior a day. Now they manufacture five tons in the same length of time, or about fourteen hundred tons annually. The water-power has been used for at least threescore years, there having formerly been a wheelwright's shop here. In 1893 the present mill was erected. One of the finest in New England, it cost, with its equipments and modern machinery, about eight thousand dollars. Two other excelsior-mills that stood near by when this one was started have since passed out of existence. The Messrs. Bartlett are both men of good business ability, energetic and progressive, strictly honest and upright in all their transactions, and very pleasant people to deal with. They employ nine hands in their work, and are themselves busily employed all the time. They have also invested in Contoocook valley property, being interested in several houses in this vicinity, preferring to have their wealth where they can look after it themselves.

The Bartlett family was first represented in New Hampshire by three families, who came from Massachusetts to the town of Deering, Hillsborough County, soon after the Revolution, making settlements on three different hills. Parker Bartlett, a son of Stephen Bartlett, was the father of the Bartlett brothers. He spent the larger part of his life in Deering. Later in life he came to the village of Warner, where his death occurred in 1896, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. He married Miss Eleanor Bartlett, a daughter of Daniel Bartlett, of Deering; and she survives, making her home in Warner.

On October 27, 1855, Erastus H. Bartlett married Miss Jennie E. Orne, of New Boston, which was also his birthplace. They have one child, Mary Ellen. He is a Republican in politics, and takes an active part in local affairs, having served several years as Supervisor. He is very prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Harris Lodge. He was made a Mason in St. Peter's Lodge at Bradford, this State, and for thirteen years held one of the most important offices in that organization, working in harmony with Colonel Mason W. Tappan. St. Peter's, which is an old and noted lodge, was visited in 1824 by General Lafayette.

Ai J. Bartlett was born, reared, and educated in New Boston. He married February 4, 1880, Miss Allie Jones, of Webster, N.H., and now has three children — Fred Ai, Elmer, and Mildred Imogene. Ai J. Bartlett is a

stanch Prohibitionist and a good worker in the temperance cause. He is an active member of the Congregational church, in which he is serving as Deacon.

WILLIAM D. DOW, an influential resident of Cornish, was born here, September 10, 1857, son of Lucius Harmon and Lucelia A. (Smith) Dow. Grandfather Jeremiah Dow, who was born in the State of Vermont, had a family of nine children.

Lucius Dow, born in Plainfield, N.H., in 1820, was educated in the common schools of that town and at Kimball Academy. After his marriage he came to Cornish, and here rented a farm, on which he spent the rest of his life. He was a leading Democrat; but, though keenly interested in the affairs of the town even up to the time of his death, he was never an aspirant for office. He was Orthodox in religion, and he attended the Congregational church. His first wife, Lucelia, daughter of Cyrus and Hannah Smith, bore him five children — Abbie, William, Fred, Mary, and Martha. His second wife, christened Isabella Tracy, a daughter of Edward and Alvira Nutting, is now deceased. Abbie Dow, born October 10, 1853, married William Harlow, a well-known farmer of Cornish, and has one child, Leroy H. Harlow, born July 6, 1888. Fred Dow was educated in the common schools and at Kimball Academy in Plainfield. After leaving school he went into Jewett's grocery store as a clerk, remaining a year. He then went to Chicago, Ill., and obtained employment with the large commission house of which he is now a partner. He married Mattie Gamble, of Chicago, and has one son. His sister, Mary Dow, is the wife of Dr. William Cain, now of Cambridge, Mass. Martha Dow married Louis Quimby, of Unity, N.H., a groceryman, and has two children.

William D. Dow worked at farming for a year after leaving school. In 1888 he went to California, where he remained two years, engaged in farming and baling hay. He returned East on account of the poor health of his father and for the purpose of taking charge of the farm. Upon the death of his father he succeeded to the farm, and has since conducted it. He has never been an aspirant for public office. However, last year, when a candidate for Selectman, he lacked but two votes of election. He is a prominent member of the grange of Cornish. The first of Mr. Dow's two marriages was contracted with Hattie A. Weld, and the second, which took place November 20, 1892, with Norah E. Crosby, of Croydon, N.H. The second wife, the present Mrs. Dow, is a daughter of Gilman and Eleanor R. (Lear) Crosby. She has a daughter, Hattie E. Dow, born August 17, 1896.

NATHAN PAGE BUXTON, a well-known resident and a prominent agriculturist of Henniker, was born March 5, 1829, on the farm and in the house where he now lives, son of Daniel and Abigail (Page) Buxton. He comes of substantial New England stock. His grandparents, David and Ruth (Peasley) Buxton, came to Henniker from Newton, Mass., in 1800. They settled on the farm now owned by the Baker family, and there spent the remaining years of their long lives.

After marriage Daniel Buxton lived for a few years in that part of Danvers, Mass., now in Peabody, engaged as a tiller of the soil. In 1826 he traded with his wife's brother, Enoch Page, his farm in Danvers for the

homestead on which his son, Nathan Page Buxton, now lives. Having followed his chosen occupation on this farm until pretty well advanced in life, he bought a house in North Weare, the early home of his wife; and there both died at the age of sixty-seven years, his wife, who was three years older than he, passing away first. They had eight children, namely: Peace, now the wife of David Osborne, of Port Huron, Mich.; Lydia, who never married, and died at the age of fifty-four; Eliza, now deceased, who married William H. Gove, also deceased; Maria M., now residing in Bound Brook, N.J., who is the widow of James Denison, late of New York City; Abbie and Hannah M., both unmarried, who reside in Weare; Nathan P., the subject of this sketch; and Daniel M., a house-mover of Hillsborough, N.H. Both parents were original members of the Society of Friends in Henniker.

Nathan Page Buxton, the only member of his parents' family left in Henniker, was reared and educated on the homestead. From the age of twenty-one years until his marriage he carried on the home farm in company with his brother. When ready to establish a household of his own, he bought the adjoining property. On this he subsequently resided for thirteen years, making essential improvements and greatly increasing the value of the estate. Laboring industriously and managing prudently, he acquired some money, and in 1876 bought the homestead from his brother. He retained possession of the other farm until about two years since. The house in which he now lives, save for a few alterations made by his father, is the same that was occupied by his grandfather. It is in a fine state of preservation, owing to the substantial quality of the material put into it. Mr. Buxton has one hundred and four acres of land, well adapted to general agriculture. He makes a specialty of dairying, shipping his cream to Boston; and he raises his own cows, his favorite grade being the Holstein crossed with the Jersey. On the property is a fine orchard, which yields a good deal of fruit.

On April 1, 1862, Mr. Buxton married Miss Cynthia Daniels, of Henniker, who was born in Shipton, P.Q., Canada. She died three years later, leaving two sons, namely: Clinton Averill, who is a machinist and an electrician, and resides in Winchester, Mass.; and Frank Edgar, who is engaged in garment cutting in Holyoke, Mass. Mr. Buxton contracted a second marriage on August 10, 1865, in Deering, N.H., with Hannah M. Clough, daughter of Elijah and Abigail Clough, of that town. The children of this union are: Elmer E., who assists in carrying on the farm; Maurice E., who is employed in a shoe factory of Auburn, Me.; and Alberto, who resides at home. Mr. Buxton has been a firm supporter of the Republican party since early manhood, and he has been a delegate to several conventions. While not an aspirant to office, he served acceptably for two years as Supervisor of the town. Still adhering to the religious faith in which he was reared, he attends the Quakers' meeting-house, which stands near his farm. Mrs. Buxton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Henniker.

JESSE WEBSTER, who was an esteemed resident of Henniker, and had been actively engaged as a tailor in this town for upward of threescore years, was born June 7, 1811, in Newport, Sullivan County, son of John and Deborah (Dow) Webster. He is a lineal descendant of John Webster, who was born in Wales, August 9, 1714. This John

emigrated to America in company with his brother Ebenezer, the paternal grandfather of the eminent statesman, Daniel Webster. John was one of the settlers of Chester, N.H., in 1735. In 1750 he opened the first store in that locality. He was very active in the war of the Revolution, serving as Colonel of a regiment in the army. Colonel Webster's son Samuel, the next in line of descent, being the paternal grandfather of Jesse, was born February 15, 1757, in Chester. Early in life he began to study for the ministry, which he subsequently entered. After his marriage with Hannah Robie he was settled for several years in Goffstown, N.H. Afterward he removed to Newport, N.H., where he reared his family. His son John, who was born in Goffstown, at the age of fourteen removed with his parents to Newport, where he afterward resided until his death in 1839. John's wife, Deborah, died six years before his death.

Jesse Webster grew to manhood in Chester, where his strong influence in matters of reform, more especially in the cause of temperance, was early shown. Rum at that time was in general use; and he, though but a boy of sixteen, seeing its evil effects upon the men in his father's employ, took a decided stand against it, and decided thereafter to take no share in supplying it to the laborers. In the fall of that year his father went to Boston, leaving to Jesse the task of making cider from the apples stored in the cellar before his return. On finding that but two barrels of cider had been made in place of the customary forty, the father made no comment; and at the close of the haying season next summer he acknowledged that the two barrels had been sufficient, the work having been done more quickly and acceptably and with less friction than ever before.

In early manhood Mr. Webster learned the tailor's trade of Samuel Winkley at Meriden, N.H. After spending some time in Hillsborough, he came to Henniker, August 12, 1836, opening a tailor's shop, and beginning on a modest scale. With the exception of two years, from 1864 till 1866, when he had a general clothing store, with merchant-tailoring features, in Concord, he has since continued in the same occupation. For nearly twenty years he has manufactured custom clothing, at times employing as many as three hundred girls. During his entire business career more than seven hundred girls have worked for him, turning out vast numbers of ordered suits. In two families, those of Silas and Isaac Colby, he has clothed four generations. In the sixty-second year of his business career he made a suit for a child of the fifth generation. He did all the cutting for the establishment, each morning finding him at work; and he manufactured clothing that went as far westward as Arizona and Montana. He was a man of fine physique, tall and erect, in all things being temperate, well preserved in mind and body. Having a deep sense of religion, he made a public profession of faith when a young man of nineteen years, uniting with the Baptist church; and he was a close and daily student of the Bible. Yet his disposition was social and genial, and he had a host of friends.

Mr. Webster married Susan C. Newell, of Newport, who died January 4, 1839. She left one son, Newell H. Webster, now of Helena, Mont. Besides the strong and resolute character which she inherited from the Newells, she possessed much personal beauty, as testified by her portrait, painted when she was twenty-two. On May 7, 1840, Mr. Webster married Jeannette W., daughter of William S. and Betsey D. Woods, of Henniker. After seven years of married life she also died. A year later her sister, Lovilla

Woods, became the third wife of Mr. Webster. She died May 4, 1893, leaving a daughter, Susan L., who married Jacobs S. Whitney, January 23, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney now reside at the old homestead. The death of Mr. Webster occurred March 22, 1897, in his eighty-sixth year.

JAMES MARCUS BENNETT, who was connected by marriage with two of the best known families of Claremont, was born in New Milford, Conn., December 12, 1819. When a young man he settled in Canada, and by his extraordinary business ability and sterling integrity achieved a marked success. He engaged in the hotel business, becoming the principal owner of the Tecumshi Hotel at London, Ont., the largest hostelry in that city. His business brought him into personal contact with men of prominence in public life, and, becoming a citizen of Canada, he joined the Reformed party. He was elected to the Board of Aldermen of London, and while in that position displayed a capacity for public affairs which placed him in high repute among his fellow-citizens. He was unusually prosperous and in a fair way of securing an independent fortune when a general business depression inflicted reverses upon him from which he never recovered. He paid his debts manfully, but his losses proved such a severe shock to his nervous system as to cause his death in 1866.

Mr. Bennett married Sarah N. Grannis, who survives him, and who is now residing in Claremont. She is a daughter of George and Susannah (Strowbridge) Grannis, and a granddaughter of Timothy Grannis, an account of whom will be found in a sketch of Homer E. Grannis, which appears elsewhere in this work. George Grannis, who was a prosperous farmer and a prominent citizen of Claremont in his day, died in 1847, aged fifty-five years. His wife, Susannah, was a daughter of Colonel John Strowbridge, an early settler in Claremont and a man noted for his strict integrity and courtesy. He married Patience, daughter of Ephraim Tyler and a representative of a highly reputable family in this section. Their children were: William, John, Hiram, Nancy, Susannah, Patience, Betsey, and Jeanette. George and Susannah (Strowbridge) Grannis had four children, as follows: Susan S.; Charles E., who at an early age was drowned in the Hudson River; Sarah N., who is now Mrs. Bennett, and is the only survivor; and George H., who died at the age of eleven years. Susan S. married David Campbell, a man of wealth, who was for several years a United States government official. She died leaving three children. While residing in Canada, Mrs. Bennett availed herself of the opportunity of learning the French language, with which she is thoroughly familiar. She possesses estimable qualities of heart and mind, and is highly esteemed by her large circle of friends and acquaintances.

SEWELL C. HUNTINGTON, an enterprising agriculturist of Henniker, was born May 5, 1856, on the farm which he now owns and occupies, son of the late Elijah B. Huntington. He is of English ancestry, being a lineal descendant of Simeon Huntington, who, accompanied by four sons, sailed from England for America in 1633. Simeon died on the voyage. While one son returned to England, the others — William, Christopher, and Simeon — remained in New England. The last-named son settled in Salisbury, now Amesbury, Mass., in 1640. From him the line was continued by William,

John, William, John, John, and Benjamin, all of whom were born in Amesbury.

Benjamin Huntington, the great-grandfather of Sewell C., was the first of the family to come to New Hampshire. He located in Weare, Hillsborough County, which he made his permanent home. Two of his children, Jacob and Betsey, came to Henniker. Jacob Huntington, the grandfather, born September 3, 1783, in Weare, died July 15, 1857, in Henniker. On May 4, 1809, he married Huldah Gove, also of Weare, and, coming to Henniker, purchased the farm where his son, Joseph John Huntington, now lives. He was a man of imposing presence, strong and vigorous, possessing great powers of endurance. Broad-minded and benevolent, he was prominent in the Friends' Society, which he assisted in establishing, and was highly esteemed by all. His first wife died in 1819. His second wife, Mehitabel Hedding Huntington, passed away in 1827. He was survived by his third wife, whose maiden name was Lavina H. Breed, and who died October 13, 1859. Of the four children born of his first marriage Elijah Brown and Elizabeth attained maturity. Of the second wife's children three were reared — Franklin T., Huldah G., and Joseph John.

Elijah Brown Huntington, born in Henniker, June 15, 1811, spent his seventy-five years of life in this town, and died November 9, 1886. From his earliest years he was engaged in farm work, beginning as a day laborer. After his marriage he owned for a while the farm now occupied by his brother. In 1842 he purchased the homestead of his father-in-law, Richard Breed, now owned and occupied by his son Sewell C., and continued in its active management until about a year prior to his death. The main part of the present house was erected by Mr. Breed, who subsequently enlarged it by adding the original house, which was built more than a hundred years ago on another part of the farm. While Elijah B. Huntington was not an active politician, in his earlier life he supported the Know Nothing party, and was afterward identified with the Republican party. Of his union with Mary P., daughter of Richard and Bethiah (Huzzey) Breed, there was but one child, Sewell C. She died February 5, 1864. Afterward his household affairs were put in charge of a housekeeper.

Sewell C. Huntington inherited the farm of ninety acres lying near the Quaker meeting-house. To this he has since added the adjoining estate, so that his property is now one of the most valuable in the vicinity. An intelligent, clear-headed man, he has made a success of farming, his annual crops of grain, hay, vegetables, and fruit bringing him in a fine income. He was married September 21, 1880, to Miss Georgianna Barker, who was born and reared in Hillsborough, a daughter of Elbridge G. and Mary (Goodwin) Barker. Eva Mary Huntington, his only child, is a bright young miss of eleven years. Mr. Huntington is a member of Crescent Lodge, No. 60, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Huntington has been deaf for some years; but in spite of this difficulty, which is a great drawback to her enjoyment, she is a most pleasant woman to meet, and has a large circle of friends. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church; and Mr. Huntington is identified with the Friends' church, which he has attended since a boy.

HON. ADDISON NEWTON OSGOOD, a well-known and prominent resident of Pembroke, was born in Allenstown, this State, March 16, 1836, son

of Ira B. and Alice (Prescott) Osgood. He belongs to the seventh generation of Osgoods in this country, tracing his descent to Christopher Osgood, a native of Ipswich, England, who died in 1650. The first of Christopher's two marriages was contracted with Mary Everett, an Englishwoman, who had one child by him. His second wife was Margery, daughter of Philip and Mary (Winsley or Winslow) Fowler. She was baptized in Marlboro, England, May 25, 1615. By her he became the father of five children. Christopher, the fourth child and the next in line, was born in Andover, Mass., in 1643. He was a millwright by trade. An active and prominent citizen, he was Captain in the militia, and represented Andover in the General Court of Massachusetts in 1690. He died in 1725. His first wife, in maidenhood Hannah Belknap, of Lynn, bore him six children. His second wife, Hannah Barker Osgood, was the mother of four children. His third wife, Sarah, had no issue. His fourth and last, also named Sarah, was the mother of six. Ezekiel, son of Captain Christopher Osgood, and the great-great-grandfather of Addison N., was born in Andover, Mass., November 5, 1679, and died in 1741. His first wife was Rebecca Wardwell, and the Christian name of his second was Mary. Samuel Osgood, the second of his seven children by his second wife, and the great-grandfather of Addison N., was born in Andover, May 27, 1714, and died March 16, 1774. He, too, was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Dorothy Wardwell, bore him five children; and his second, in maidenhood Elizabeth Abbott, who died September 27, 1792, had eight children.

Christopher Osgood, the youngest child of Samuel and Elizabeth (Abbott) Osgood, born in Andover, April 25, 1769, was a miller by trade. In his early manhood he managed the ferry between Concord and Pembroke. Subsequently he settled on a farm in Pembroke, and purchased extensive tracts of land in the part of the town now called Suncook. Much of this land was covered with timber at the time of purchase, and he dealt extensively in lumber in his later years. He was a prominent man in Pembroke, and took an active part in town affairs. In politics he was a Whig. He died October 3, 1841. His first wife died childless. His second wife, a cousin of his first wife, and whose maiden name was Annie Abbott, lived to be quite old, and reared four children. Both she and her husband were members of the Congregational church. Ira B. Osgood, the youngest of his parents' children, was born in Pembroke, December 30, 1804. He was engaged in farming and lumbering during a great part of his life, and he owned and managed a saw-mill in Allenstown for a number of years. In politics he was a Republican. He died in Allenstown, October 29, 1869. Both he and his wife were members of the Congregational church. Of their seven children there are living — Warren A., Charles, Addison N., and Alva L.

Addison Newton Osgood acquired his elementary education in Allenstown, and studied the advanced branches at Pembroke Academy. After leaving school he spent three years in Boston. In 1860 he settled in Pembroke, and engaged in lumbering, preparing his lumber for the market on the site of the old mill owned by his father. Until 1873 he was in partnership with another gentleman. Since that date he has managed an independent business. He has been very prosperous in his financial enterprises, and owns much valuable real estate in Pembroke and Allenstown. Mr. Osgood is a man of high integrity, and is respected wherever he is known. He is an

esteemed member of the Republican party, and he has been honored with election to a number of offices. As a member of the Pembroke Board of Selectmen he was in office for a number of years, and he represented the town in the legislature in 1878 and 1879.

Mr. Osgood was married December 17, 1865, to Mary E., daughter of William A. and Julia (Upham) Phelps, of Pembroke. He has taken the thirty-second degree in Masonry, and is a Knight of Pythias and an Odd Fellow. He is also a Patron of Husbandry, and is affiliated with the grange at Pembroke. Both he and Mrs. Osgood are members of the Methodist church.

JOHN SWASEY, formerly a well-known merchant of Claremont, was born in Canterbury, N.H., July 21, 1785. He engaged in mercantile pursuits in Claremont, and conducted a profitable business until his death, which occurred October 13, 1835, at the age of fifty years.

Mr. Swasey married Sally Robinson, a native of Epping, N.H., and a daughter of Noah and Sally Robinson. Mrs. Swasey became the mother of six daughters; namely, Ann Elizabeth, Sophia Charlotte, Sarah Jane, Lydia Ann, Adeline Maria, and Juliette Frances. Ann Elizabeth married Captain Alden Partridge, a military man of note, who founded a military college in Norwich, Vt. Her children were: George, who is no longer living; and Henry V. Sophia Charlotte, who became the wife of General Edward Phelps, a prominent resident of Cold Brook, Conn., died in 1893. Lydia Ann is now deceased. Adeline Maria married Lieutenant George M. Colvocoresses, who was in the United States Navy during the Civil War, and remained in the service after its close. He had risen in his profession to a position from which his advancement would have been rapid, when he was accidentally killed in Bridgeport, Conn., while on his way to New York. He was twice married, and had four children by his first union. Miss Sarah Jane Swasey and Mrs. Colvocoresses are residing in Claremont. Mrs. John Swasey died October 11, 1852.

DEACON SAMUEL W. CARTER and his brother, Harrison, well-known natives and residents of Henniker, are sons of Nathan and Margery (Wadsworth) Carter. Their grandfather, Samuel Carter, who was born in Wilmington, Mass., in 1758, settled in Hillsborough County after his marriage. Samuel's wife, Molly Abbott Carter, was born May 18, 1769, in Londonderry, N.H.

Nathan Carter was born in Hillsborough County. When a young man he settled at Westboro Corner in the town of Henniker. He was a carpenter, and he followed that trade for forty-three years as a contractor and builder. It was said that there was not a house in the town that he had not worked upon either as builder or jobber. A skilful workman, he took special pride in executing fine cabinet work, many specimens of which are still in the family's possession. He owned a good farm at Westboro Corner, where his shop was located. At his death on June 4, 1880, aged eighty-four years, he left an estate valued at ten thousand dollars. Possessed of remarkable strength, he was able to climb to an unusual height when over eighty years old, and his activity continued up to the time of his death. He served in the garrison at Portsmouth during the War of 1812, and in his later years he received a pension from the government. His wife, Margery, whom he

married November 24, 1819, was a daughter of Aaron and Sally (Wood) Wadsworth. She became the mother of seven children, namely: William Harrison, born March 1, 1822, who died August 16, 1823; Caroline Matilda, born July 8, 1824, who died February 12, 1826; Samuel Worcester, born February 6, 1827; the Rev. Nathaniel Franklin Carter, born January 6, 1830, who is now Librarian of the Historical Society in Concord; Henry Carleton, born November 30, 1834, who died January 21, 1894; Harrison, born January 16, 1837; and William Frederick, born November 11, 1840, who died April 14, 1859. Henry Carleton was for many years a prominent business man of Concord. He married Clara Ferrin, who survives him. Nathan and Margery Carter were both members of the Congregational church, which they joined respectively in 1825 and 1831. Their children received strict training in both religion and temperance. The mother died January 23, 1892, in her ninety-first year.

Harrison Carter succeeded his father in the possession of the homestead, and resided there until 1895. In that year he sold the property to a cousin, Enos Carter. He is well informed upon all current topics, and is especially familiar with local history.

Samuel Worcester Carter resided in Bradford for two years following his marriage. In 1852 he settled upon a farm which his father owned, and which adjoined the homestead. He continued to till the soil and raise poultry until 1891, when he sold his property. He is now living in retirement in the village.

On February 1, 1849, Samuel W. Carter married Fidelia H. Smith, who was born in Langdon, July 29, 1827, daughter of Elias and Matilda (Stiles) Smith. While serving as a privateer during the War of 1812, her father was captured by the British, and was held a prisoner on board a war vessel and on the island of Bermuda for sixteen months. Mrs. Carter resided for some time with her maternal grandparents, Moses and Mary (Kenney) Stiles, in Bradford, where she became acquainted with her future husband. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have one daughter, Ella Matilda, who was born August 2, 1856. On October 19, 1876, Ella Matilda Carter married Wallace A. Howlet, a painter, paper-hanger, and decorator, and now has one son, Wilmer Harrison, born April 25, 1894.

In politics the Messrs. Carter are Republicans. Harrison Carter served as Supervisor for eight years. Both are earnest advocates of temperance and the prohibitory law. Samuel W. Carter united with the Congregational church when fifteen years old, and has been a member for about fifty-four years. For twenty years he has acted as a Deacon, and has been very active in Sunday-school work.

JOHN C. SMITH, a successful dairy farmer of Franklin, was born in this town, May 2, 1842, son of Charles and Jeanette (Mann) Smith. His father, who was a lifelong resident of Franklin, and owned and successfully conducted a good farm located in the southern part of the town, died in October, 1889. His mother, a native of Salisbury, N.H., had five children, as follows: John C., the subject of this sketch; Elbridge, who married Emma Calef, and died October 1, 1895; Warren, who died in March, 1883, aged twenty-nine years; Jane, who married Warren Webster, and resides at the homestead; and Charles, who was drowned in the Merrimac River in September, 1889, at the age of twenty years. John C. Smith's mother is still living, and resides at the homestead with her daughter.

John C. Smith began his education in the common schools, and completed his studies at the Tilton Academy. He remained at home until after his marriage. Then, settling upon a farm on Smith's Hill, he resided there for twenty years. About the year 1882 he moved to the farm he now occupies, and where he is largely interested in dairying. He owns two farms, respectively containing two hundred acres and seventy-five acres, the soil of which he has greatly improved. He keeps an average of twenty-five head of cattle, and carries on a profitable milk business in Franklin and Franklin Falls.

On January 2, 1862, Mr. Smith was joined in marriage with Vesta L. Shaw, who was born in Salisbury, May 14, 1838, daughter of Abram and Hannah (Fifield) Shaw. Her father was a native of Weare, N.H.; and her mother was born in Franklin. Her parents resided upon a farm in Salisbury for many years, and died in that town. They had six children, four of whom are living; namely, Amos F., Calvin G., Vesta L., and Amanda. Amanda married James Morrison, and lives in South Dakota. The others were: Adeline E., who married Adams W. Batchelder, of East Andover; and Mary Saline, who was the wife of Elbridge Gerry Emery. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had three children — Jabez R., Maud Eveline, and Blanche Ethelyn. Jabez R., born September 16, 1862, married Fanny Fellows, and resides in Franklin. Maud Eveline, who was born January 25, 1869, is now the wife of Walter Woodward, and resides in this town. Blanche Ethelyn, born August 1, 1883, died March 3, 1885. In politics Mr. Smith supports the Democratic party, but he takes no interest in public affairs beyond casting his vote. Both he and Mrs. Smith are members of the Congregational church.

CLAYTON B. HILLIARD, a leading resident and native of South Cornish, was born November 26, 1863, son of Joseph and May (Bryant) Hilliard. His grandfather, Joseph Hilliard, Sr., was a farmer and carpenter and a prominent man in his day. In politics he was a Democrat and in religion a Baptist. His wife, Roxie Day Hilliard, bore him ten children — Rufus, Hiram, George, Emmeline, Betsy, Roxie, Charlotte, Jane, Joseph, and Chester. Rufus, who was a farmer and carpenter, was born in Cornish, and died in 1894. He married Martha McClurer, and had two children. Hiram, a farmer and a Democrat, married Belle Demming, and had a family of six children, all of whom are living. George, who is a farmer at Saxton's River, Vt., married Lula Fletcher, and has had five children. Chester went to California when a young man, and died there. Emmeline, now deceased, married Ira Procter, of Claremont, and had one child, who is living in Kansas. Roxie became the second wife of her brother-in-law, Ira Procter, and the mother of three children. Betsy became Mrs. Adna Keys, of Acworth. Both she and her husband are deceased, while their two children are living in Minnesota. Charlotte, who married Quartus Fletcher, had a number of children, and is living at Newport, this State. Jane is Mrs. Amos Richardson, of Cornish, and the mother of three children. Joseph Hilliard, father of Mr. Clayton Hilliard, married May, daughter of Aaron Bryant. Their six children were: Ada, Julia, Nellie, Adna, Clayton, and Luman. Ada is now the wife of Frank Weld and the mother of one child; Julia lives at home with her mother; Nellie is now Mrs. Herbert Demming, and has four sons; Adna is a farmer, and lives at home, working on his mother's estate; Luman married Ida York, of Cornish,

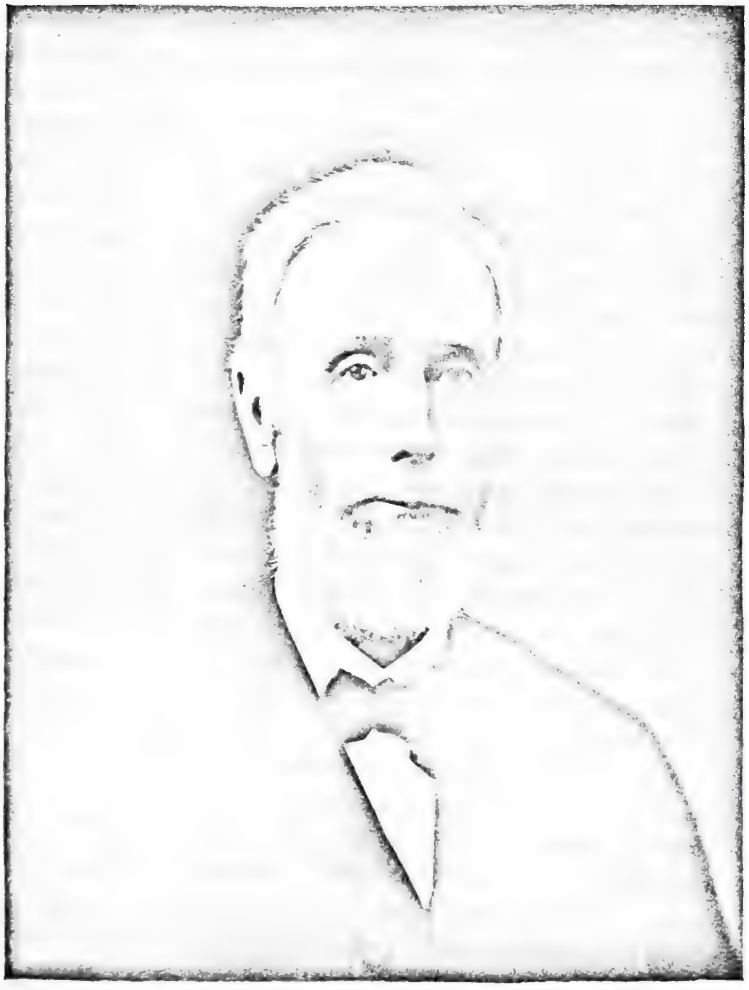
and is living in Claremont, engaged in the livery business.

Clayton B. Hilliard, after being educated in the town schools of Cornish, began life for himself as a farmer, and later worked in the butcher's business. He is quite prominently identified with the politics of the town, and is well informed on all questions of public or local interest. The community had the advantage of his services in the capacity of Selectman for one term. Few residents are more active in forwarding movements for the general welfare. He married Sybil Lear, daughter of William and Hannah (Fletcher) Lear. She is the mother of two children — Ethel Hilliard and Wallace Hilliard. Mrs. Hilliard's mother died about ten years ago.

CAPTAIN JOHN P. KNOWLTON, a retired merchant of Sunapee, was born in that town, October 10, 1821, son of Samuel and Betsey (Pike) Knowlton. The grandfather, Robert Knowlton, was one of the pioneer settlers of New London, N.H., and a leading man in his time. He was a well-educated man and a successful school teacher. He also had time to attend to farming. His last years were spent in the State of Indiana, where he died at an advanced age. He married a lady named Smith, and she also lived to a good old age.

Samuel Knowlton, born June 16, 1791, was a farmer, and spent the greater part of his life in Sunapee, to which he came when he was a young man. He was also engaged in hewing lumber, saw-mills being then very scarce. His religious views were liberal, and he was a Jeffersonian Democrat. He filled various offices of greater or less importance in his town, and was in the State legislature for two years. His wife, Betsey, who was born in New London in 1787, September 11, had three children, of whom John P. is the only survivor. The father died in Sunapee, September 13, 1846, and the mother, August 28, 1881. The two sons not living were: Dennis G., born September 23, 1815, who died April 11, 1894; and Moses F., born July 19, 1817, who died November 9, 1854. Moses F. left a daughter, Ellen A., who is a successful school teacher. An interesting fact about these three men is that they were the tallest men in the town of Sunapee. Dennis was six feet, four inches; Moses, six feet, seven inches; and John P., six feet, six inches.

John P. Knowlton received his education in the town schools. Then he took up farming, and worked on the home farm for two years, and elsewhere for two or three years. His wages were not large; but in haying time he made a dollar a day, which was considered very good pay. Subsequently he became interested in a mercantile business, and entered into partnership with his brother in the year 1844. After eight years or more he bought out his brother's interest, and went on as sole proprietor until 1862. At that time he disposed of the business altogether, and retired to his farm. To-day he owns a fine, small farm of twenty-five acres, and has also a comfortable residence, which was built under his personal supervision. In 1870 he erected the large Knowlton Block. He had been a Director of the First National Bank of Newport, N.H., for several years when he resigned the office. He was appointed Postmaster in 1845, September 12, and held the office for eleven years. On January 4, 1848, Governor Jared B. Williams created him Captain of the militia company called the Sunapee Guards. The commission, bearing the signatures of the Governor and the Secretary of State, Thomas



JOHN P. KNOWLTON.

R. Treadwell, of Portsmouth, is carefully preserved by the Captain. For four years he was Town Clerk, and for one year Town Treasurer. In 1856–57 he served as State Representative, and he was a Justice of the Peace for several years. While bound to no particular creed in religion, he inclines to the Universalist belief. In politics he is a Democrat.

Captain Knowlton was married October 23, 1848, to Abby S., who was born in New London, April 16, 1826, daughter of William and Mary (Stevens) Morgan. William Morgan was born in the latter town, April 15, 1796, and his wife, in Newbury, April 27, 1797. He died October 7, 1875, and she died November 19, 1885. They had eight children, three only of whom are now living. These are: Belden Morgan, of New London; Simeon F., of Richland, Cal.; and Mrs. Knowlton. The names of the other children were: Thomas, Marshall, Franklin, Marietta, and Alonzo. Mrs. Knowlton has had no children.

Captain Knowlton has been a very successful man. Considering the fact in connection with the circumstance that at the age of twenty-one his worldly possessions amounted to twenty-five dollars, no further proof of his industry and enterprise is necessary. Both he and his wife have a large circle of friends.

JOHN S. RAND, a leading business man of Pittsfield, Merrimack County, and a member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Barnstead, N.H., September 14, 1855, son of Hiram and Harriet N. (Hoyt) Rand. His great-grandfather, Samuel Rand, was a native of Barnstead, and a farmer and a mechanic by occupation. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Hill. Of his four children Moses H., grandfather of John S., was the oldest. Moses H. Rand was brought up to farming, which occupation he followed in Barnstead during his active period. In politics he acted with the Democratic party, and in his religious belief he was a Free Will Baptist. He lived to reach the age of over eighty years. He married Ann Bunker, a native of Barnstead; and her death occurred at about the same age as that of her husband. She reared four children, three of whom are living: Dr. Joseph B.; Hiram; and Mary, who married Isaac A. Fletcher, of Lowell, Mass. The latter's only daughter, Anna D., married George Rogers, of that city, and has five children.

Hiram Rand, John S. Rand's father, grew to manhood in Barnstead, and has been engaged in agricultural pursuits from an early age. At the present time he owns a farm containing fifteen acres of fertile land, which he cultivates successfully. His wife, who was before marriage Harriet N. Hoyt, a daughter of Benjamin Hoyt, of Barnstead, has had two children, of whom John S., the subject of this sketch, is the only one living. Hiram Rand is a Republican in politics, and, though not an office-seeker, he takes an active interest in local affairs and the cause of good government. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church, of which he is a Deacon. He is also superintendent of the Sunday-school.

John S. Rand was educated at the Pittsfield Academy. He taught schools in Pittsfield and Alton, N.H., and on Deer Island, Boston Harbor, being thus engaged for about two years. He was also connected with a shoe manufactory in Boston for a time. Since 1884 he has conducted a flourishing dry-goods business in Pittsfield. His progressive and enterprising nature has led him into various fields of business activity, and he is now President of the Pittsfield Shoe Company and a Director of the Farmers' Savings Bank.

On November 30, 1879, Mr. Rand was united in marriage with Miss Hattie M. Foote, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Eastman) Foote, of this town.

As an active supporter of the Republican party Mr. Rand has long been a prominent factor in the political affairs of Pittsfield, and he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1896. He is connected with Suncook Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Rand is a member; and he was formerly superintendent of the Sunday-school.

HENRY A. EMERSON, the President and Treasurer of the Contoocook Valley Paper Company, whose plant is located in West Henniker, was born in Concord, N.H., May 1, 1837, son of Fenner H. and Clarinda B. (Baker) Emerson. His father, a native of Rhode Island, was connected with the paper manufacturing industry in this State for many years. Both his parents passed their last years with him, and died in Henniker.

At the age of seventeen, having acquired a good practical education, Mr. Emerson began to learn the business of paper-maker. Commencing at the lowest round of the ladder in a paper-mill of Pepperell, Mass., he worked his way upward through the various departments until he had acquired a good knowledge of the trade. He was later employed in mills at Leominster, Mass., and Franklin, N.H. Finally he was appointed superintendent of a mill in Pepperell, Mass., which position he occupied for three years. Having saved some capital by then, he was desirous of engaging in business on his own account, and looked about for a suitable place in which to carry out his purpose. In 1871 he became favorably impressed with the future prospect of a paper-mill in Henniker. With P. C. Cheney & Co., of Manchester, and H. T. Hill he began operations in an old mill here; and a short time later the Nashua Card and Glazed Paper Company secured the interest of Cheney & Co. In 1872 the Contoocook Valley Paper Company was incorporated with a capital stock of seventy-five thousand dollars, and a large mill was erected in West Henniker. The business grew in importance; and, as Mr. Emerson gradually acquired the greater part of the capital stock, he became the President in 1880 and the Treasurer in 1886. The plant is propelled by water, having a capacity of three hundred horse-power, more than half of which is utilized. The annual product, which is of a superior quality, amounts to about seven hundred tons. For the past fourteen years the Contoocook Valley Company has furnished the paper used in the State printing office. Mr. Emerson is also interested in other enterprises. He is a Director of the Hillsborough Electric Light Company; was for eleven years President of the Henniker Spring Water Company; owns stock in the Walworth Manufacturing Company, and in several railroad companies, including those of the Connecticut River, the New York, New Haven & Hartford, the Concord & Montreal, the New Boston, and the Amoskeag; and he has also invested to some extent in Western securities. In 1888 he built the Emerson Block, a frame structure of three stories. In 1876 and 1878 he was elected a Representative to the legislature as a Democrat, and during his term served upon the Committee on Corporations. He continued to vote with the Democratic party until 1894, when he became a Republican. In the last national campaign he was an active supporter of McKinley and sound money.

On January 1, 1864, in Litchfield, N.H., Mr. Emerson was united in marriage with Louisa M. Lydston, a native of Hillsborough County. He is the President of the Henniker Free Library Association, which occupies quarters in his block. Included in his household property is a library, containing about two thousand well-selected volumes. He has been connected with the Congregational church since coming to Henniker, and for several years he sang in the choir.

WALLACE P. THRASHER, a well-known business man of Plainfield, was born in Cornish, N.H., May 10, 1850, son of Samuel Powers and Ann W. (Haven) Thrasher. His great-grandfather was Jacob Thrasher, a native of Connecticut, who first settled in Salisbury, N.H., and later in Cornish. The maiden name of Jacob's wife was Eastman. Numerous descendants of his are distributed throughout Sullivan County.

John Thrasher, grandfather of Wallace P., was born in Cornish in 1782. He was a surveyor and a stone mason, and did a large contract business in connection with farming. He attended to a large amount of the legal business of Cornish and adjoining towns, and was a man of much natural ability and good judgment. His death occurred in 1862. He married Betsey, daughter of Peter Walker, of Cornish, and reared a family of six children — Martha, Ithamar, Esther, Sylvia, Samuel, and Dorothy. Martha became Mrs. Wheeler, and resided in Newport until her death. Ithamar, who was a large dealer in furs, and travelled through Vermont and New Hampshire purchasing goods, died in Corinth, Vt., in 1864, at the age of fifty-four years. He wedded Mary Ann Cotton, of Cornish, and his children were named: Benjamin, Francimore, Edwin, Ellen, Annette, Arthur, Carrie, and Henry. His sister Esther, who became the wife of Moses Wright, of Cornish, lived in that town and Unity, had a large family of children, and died in the latter town. Sylvia married Sylvester Stowell, of Cornish, a machinist, who followed his trade in Newport, N.H., and died leaving one daughter, Elizabeth. Dorothy Thrasher became the second wife of Sylvester Stowell, and died in Unity.

Samuel Powers Thrasher, also a native of Cornish, was born in October, 1815. After completing his education, he learned the trade of a stone mason, and subsequently became an extensive contractor. He constructed or remodelled nearly every bridge upon the line of the Vermont Central Railroad. He also erected churches, school-houses, and government buildings. In politics he always belonged to the Democratic party, and he was frequently nominated to public offices. He was finally elected to the State Senate, and was a member of that body at the time of his death, which occurred in Claremont, April 12, 1871. In his religious views he was a Universalist, and he took a deep interest in the church work. In Masonry he had advanced to the Royal Arch degree, and he was buried with the rites of the fraternity. He married Ann W. Haven, daughter of James and Calista Haven, of Newport, N.H. She became the mother of thirteen children, all of whom reached maturity. They were born as follows: Laura, September 4, 1845; Winfield Scott, May 5, 1847; Flora A., October 3, 1849; Wallace P., the subject of this sketch; Charles H., January 10, 1852; Frank P., September 10, 1853; Ned, January 30, 1855; James B., September 29, 1856; Samuel P., May 9, 1858; Emma E., May 16, 1860; Elmer J., January 22, 1862; George B.,

September 3, 1863; and Nettie M., January 22, 1865. Laura married Henry Seaver, a farmer of Norwich, Vt., and died May 30, 1895, leaving four children. Winfield Scott wedded Mary Allen, daughter of the Hon. Norman N. Allen, a prominent lawyer and an ex-State Senator of Dayton, N.Y. He studied law in the office of his father-in-law, with whom he is now associated, and is an expert in real estate and medical cases, being largely engaged as a referee throughout Western New York. He has had ten children, nine of whom are living. Flora married Frank L. Simmonds, a native of Franklin, N.H., who is now a machinist in Tilton. She has had four children, of whom three are living. Charles H., who became a building contractor, and erected many residences in Newton, Mass., and other towns adjoining Boston, died of lockjaw in a Boston hospital, May 3, 1892. He married Ida Dickinson, and was the father of seven children, all of whom are living in Newtonville, Mass. Frank P. is a member of the Paris Night Robe Company, Meredith, N.H. He first married Eva Stevens, of Claremont, who was the mother of three children. His second marriage was contracted with Imo Lanou, of Irasburg, Vt., who died some two years ago. Ned Thrasher, now a prosperous farmer in Rindge, N.H., served as Postmaster under both the Cleveland administrations. He married Emma L. Walker, of Rindge; and four of his five children are living. James B., who is a travelling salesman for a lasting-machine company of Boston, and has had a large experience as a shoe manufacturer, now lives at North Adams, Mass. He married Anna Glines, of Claremont. Samuel P. Thrasher is now the Secretary and Manager of the Connecticut State Law and Order League, and resides in New Haven. When quite young he ran away to sea; and, after sowing his wild oats, he became an ardent religious worker and a temperance reformer. He is an able and eloquent advocate of morality, and during the past year has delivered over two hundred lectures. He is now travelling in Europe. By his marriage with Etta Bristol, of New Haven, he became the father of six children, four of whom are living. Emma E. Thrasher is an instructor of stenography in Hartford, Conn. Elmer J. Thrasher, who is a sign painter, and has travelled a great deal in the Western States, married Esther Iler, and has three children. George B. Thrasher, who died in June, 1891, was a mechanic in the employ of the Winchester Arms Company of New Haven, Conn. Nettie M. Thrasher is now the wife of Edwin Sargent, a carpenter of Rindge, N.H., and has three children.

Wallace P. Thrasher began his education in the common schools. His advanced studies were pursued at the Kimball Union Academy and the Claremont High School. Subsequently, after teaching school for some time, he served an apprenticeship at the wheelwright's trade. He had been engaged in that business and that of casket-maker for twenty years, when five years ago he suffered the loss of a leg by a carriage accident. He is now transacting a general legal business, is a Justice of the Peace, writes considerably for newspapers and magazines, and is actively interested in political affairs. He is a Democrat and prominent in the local organization. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen, has served as Town Clerk, was upon the School Board for seven years, and was a candidate for the legislature in 1892. In religious belief he is a Universalist.

Mr. Thrasher married Eliza E. Dickinson, who was born in Cambridgeport, Mass., October 21, 1850, daughter of Aaron and Eliza

(Marshall) Dickinson. The latter is a native of Unity, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Thrasher have nine children, born as follows: Weston M., January 18, 1872; Carlton W., October 8, 1873; Manton J., November 11, 1875; Annie M., June 13, 1878; Nettie E., June 4, 1881; Harry D., May 24, 1883; Morris M., June 25, 1885; Flora H., August 23, 1891; and Nina L., February 15, 1894. Weston M. is an expert wood-worker, and resides in Lewiston, Me.; Carlton W. is in a general store in Windsor, Vt.; and Manton J. is a drug clerk in the same town. The others reside with their parents.

HARRISON AMSDEN RICE, a successful dairy farmer of Henniker, was born in this town, June 18, 1816, son of Jacob and Lovisa (Howe) Rice. The Rices are descendants of Edmund Rice and his wife, Tamazine, who emigrated from England and settled in Sudbury, Mass., in 1639. The great-grandfather of Harrison A. Rice was Elijah Rice, son of Charles and Rachel Rice. Charles was the third in line from Edmund. Elijah Rice (second), the grandfather, who settled in Henniker at the beginning of the Revolutionary War, was a carpenter by trade. He served at the battle of Bunker Hill, and was commissioned an Ensign in 1779. He acquired a tract of land now located in the centre of the village, affording the site of the present hotel. His death occurred in 1805. In the year 1779 he married Margaret Patterson, who died October 5, 1797. He subsequently contracted a second marriage with Margaret Stuart, a native of Warner, N.H., who died December 18, 1859.

Jacob Rice was born in Henniker, January 23, 1787. When about seven years old, while visiting the family of Thomas Brown, a neighboring farmer whose son Nahum was a deaf mute, Jacob learned to converse by signs with the boy. This so pleased Mr. Brown that he agreed to do well by Jacob if the latter would remain with him until he came of age. Jacob accepted the proposition. When twenty-one years old he began to work by the month. A year later, in company with his brothers, Isaac and James, he bought a farm; and for some time he assisted in its cultivation, besides working for others when opportunity permitted. The farm was carried on by them until the brothers separated by marrying and settling elsewhere. Jacob, who made several changes, eventually purchased of Nahum Brown, the deaf mute, for seventeen hundred dollars, the farm upon which his son, Harrison A., now lives, and where he settled in March, 1825. Although he was obliged to incur a debt in order to secure the farm, he soon freed it from encumbrance. It contained one hundred acres of land, lying upon the main road, within easy reach of the village. A strong and able farmer, whose industry fully equalled his strength, Jacob's activity continued almost to the moment of his death, which occurred April 14, 1879, at the age of ninety-two. In politics he was originally a Democrat. Later he became an abolitionist and a Republican. He served as a Selectman for the greater part of the time between 1820 and 1837, and was a Representative to the legislature in the years 1828 and 1829. In July, 1810, he wedded Lovisa Howe, daughter of Micah and Lovisa (Amsden) Howe. She became the mother of five children, namely: Adeline, now deceased, who married Jeremiah Foster, who was a farmer and surveyor, and is also deceased; Susan Lovisa, who married John Smith Morrill, and died in Nashua, N.H., two years after marriage; Harrison A., the subject of

this sketch; Maria Wallace, who married Obadiah E. Wilson, and died in Henniker, at the age of forty-six; and George W., who resides in this town. Mrs. Jacob Rice died in December, 1867, aged eighty-one years.

Harrison Amsden Rice was reared and educated in Henniker. After reaching his majority he entered into partnership with his father. In time he acquired by purchase the entire farm, together with the stock and implements; and since then he has carried it on upon his own account. By adding the Eli Howe farm and other tracts he now owns five hundred acres of good land. His principal occupation is dairy farming. He keeps some fifteen cows, and is now giving his attention to the breeding of Holstein cattle. Six years ago he erected a new house upon the site of the old Brown residence. He has also built a barn, ninety feet in length. His prosperity is chiefly due to untiring energy and enterprise. It is worthy of note that he was the first farmer in Henniker to purchase and use a mowing machine. He has also been engaged in lumbering to some extent.

Mr. Rice has been twice married. On January 23, 1845, he wedded for his first wife Susan W. Foster, daughter of Zebulon Foster. She died June 2, 1867. On June 18, 1868, he married Charlotte I. Steele, daughter of Jeremiah and Irene (Felt) Steele, of Peterboro, Hillsborough County. Born of his first union are John Jacob and Adeline Eliza. John Jacob occupies the Jacob Rice farm, and carries it on in partnership with his father. He married Eliza J. Sawyer, and has two children. The latter are: Susan Frances, born December 17, 1877; and Bertha Maria, born October 14, 1886. Adeline Eliza is now the wife of Edward Connelly, a tinman by trade. Mr. Rice's present wife acquired her education at Peterboro Academy. She began to teach at the age of nineteen, and continued in that occupation for nearly ten years.

HOMER E. GRANNIS is an enterprising farmer and real estate owner residing in Claremont, Sullivan County, N.H., where he was for many years engaged in the saw-mill and lumber business. He was born in Claremont, July 16, 1832, son of Solon C. and Nancy (Spaulding) Grannis, and belongs to one of the oldest families in the town, being a great-grandson of Timothy Grannis, Sr , who came from North Haven, Conn., to Claremont in 1769.

For his first wife Timothy Grannis, Sr., married Sarah Sumner, daughter of Dr. William Sumner. She died June 25, 1789; and he married for his second wife Sarah Nye, of Tolland, Conn. Timothy Grannis, Sr., died May 7, 1827. He was the father of eleven children, seven by his first marriage and four by his second.

Timothy Grannis, Jr., eldest son of Timothy, Sr., and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Claremont, June 30, 1772. In his earlier years he taught school winters, and tilled the soil of a good farm in West Claremont during the intervening summer seasons. Possessing a good education, he was somewhat devoted to literary composition; and, while at the top of Ascutney Mountain in 1804, he wrote some lines in blank verse commemorative of the occasion. He did much surveying for the town and for private parties, and was well and favorably known throughout this region. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen from 1821 to 1829 and Representative to the General Court in 1829–32. He married Phœbe, daughter of Ebenezer Rice, and reared a family of five children, as follows: Solon C., Laurens A., Homer P.,

Sarah M., and Samuel R. Homer P. Grannis removed to Canada when young. Afterward he went South, and died in Alabama. Sarah M. Grannis married Leonard Gilmore. Laurens A., who was a large land-owner, died in Guildhall, Vt., in October, 1896. He married for his first wife Mary Johnson, and for his second Martha Cole. Samuel R., who married Caroline Higbee, settled in Minnesota, and passed the rest of his life in that State.

Solon C. Grannis, father of Homer E., was born in West Claremont, August 23, 1801. When a young man he settled upon a farm located a mile north of his father's property, and for many years carried on agricultural pursuits upon a large scale. He was prominent in public affairs, serving upon the Board of Selectmen from 1843 to 1852, being Chairman of that body for some time, and representing this town in the legislature in 1860 and 1861. He was well informed concerning the history of Claremont, as he kept a record of all important events that transpired in the town. He acted as a Warden of the Union Episcopal Church for over forty years. Solon C. Grannis lived to be ninety years old, and died March 7, 1892. His wife, Nancy Spaulding, was a daughter of Abel Spaulding. Abel and his brother Joseph served in the Revolutionary War, and tradition has it that Joseph Spaulding fired the first shot at the battle of Bunker Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Solon C. Grannis were the parents of eight children, namely: Sarah, born November 16, 1824; Joseph S., born January 26, 1828; Martha A., born February 21, 1830, who died at the age of eighteen months; Homer E., the subject of this sketch; Martha A., born May 27, 1834; Nancy J., born April 3, 1836; Charles C., who died at the age of eighteen months; and George C., born December 10, 1842. Sarah married Chester P. Smith, and died in 1864; Joseph S., who is a lawyer in Cleveland, Ohio, married Eliza Harrison; Nancy never married; George C. married Annis Gilmore, and resides in Claremont; Martha A., who formerly taught school, became the wife of Daniel N. Bowker.

GEORGE E. MILLER, a prominent resident of Pembroke and a member of the firm of Simpson, Miller & Co., general merchants, was born in Deerfield, N.H., October 30, 1850, son of Ebenezer and Mehitable L. (Dow) Miller. The grandfather, Samuel Miller, spent his early life in Chichester, N.H., engaged in agricultural pursuits; and his last years were passed in Brentwood, N.H. The maiden name of his wife was Annie Yeaton; and he had a family of six children, of whom Ebenezer, George E. Miller's father, was the second-born.

Ebenezer Miller grew to manhood as a farmer. When a young man he settled upon a farm in Deerfield, where the rest of his life was spent in tilling the soil. He was known and respected as a kind-hearted neighbor and a useful citizen. In his later years he acted with the Republican party, and in religious belief he was a Free Will Baptist. His wife, Mehitable, who was a native of Deerfield, became the mother of four children, of whom Sarah J. and George E. are living. Ebenezer Miller died at the age of sixty-one years. His wife died in 1896, at the age of seventy-four years.

George E. Miller acquired his education in his native town. After leaving school he resided in Laconia, N.H., for a short time. Then he came to Pembroke, and entered the grocery and provision business as a clerk for Emery Brothers. At a later date he acquired

an interest in the firm of Johnson & Cyr, with whom he remained as a partner for seven years. In 1886 he entered into partnership with H. T. Simpson, forming the firm name of Simpson, Miller & Co., which has since conducted a thriving business in Suncook.

On November 30, 1878, Mr. Miller wedded Nellie L. Simpson, daughter of Henry T. Simpson, his business associate. They have had two sons, namely: Walter, who died at the age of nine months; and Henry, who lived three years and six months. In politics Mr. Miller is a Republican. Although he is deeply interested in local affairs, he has never sought for public office, and has frequently declined nominations thereto. In the campaign of 1896 he accepted nomination as a candidate for Representative to the legislature, and was elected for the years 1897 and 1898. An able and successful business man, he is esteemed by his fellow-townsmen. A Mason of the thirty-second degree, he is a member of Jewell Lodge, No. 94; of Hiram Chapter, No. 24; of Mount Horeb Commandery, Knights Templar; of the Consistory at Nashua; and the Mystic Shrine at Boston. He is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and Mrs. Miller attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN B. HOWARD, formerly a carpenter and builder, who is now living in retirement at Franklin Falls, was born in Burlington, Vt., May 13, 1828, son of Ezekiel and Nancy (Burbank) Howard. The father, who was a native of Connecticut, first settled in Shelburne, Vt., and later in Burlington. A carpenter and bridge builder, the active period of his life was devoted to these callings. He died in Burlington in 1832. His wife, Nancy, who was a native of Grantham, N.H., became the mother of five children, of whom John B. and Emily are living. Emily is the wife of George B. Mathews, of Franklin. The others were: Loretta, who married Edward Doxey, now a resident of Elgin, Ill.; Charles H., who died in Oregon; and Maria, who died young. Mrs. Ezekiel Howard married for her second husband Stillman Clark, of Georgia, Vt., and passed the rest of her life in that town.

John B. Howard was educated in the district schools. While still young he learned the carpenter's trade in Burlington, and afterward worked as a journeyman in Grafton and Worcester, Mass., and Nashua, N.H., about a year in each place. In 1854 he went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he resided until 1871, and then returned to Vermont. He resided for a time in Georgia, from which town he removed to St. Albans; and in 1881 he came to Franklin Falls. Since settling here he has conducted several building operations in this village, in Northfield, and in Tilton; and he has improved his own residence, located on Franklin Street. He retired from active labor some time ago. In politics he is a Democrat, and in 1892 he served with ability as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

In 1856, while residing in Minneapolis, Mr. Howard contracted his first marriage with Emily Arnold. She was born in Jamestown, N.Y., daughter of Henry C. and Eliza Arnold, the former of whom was an artist. Both her parents are now deceased. Mr. Howard's second wife, whom he married May 13, 1882, was Arletta Hathaway, of Boston, Mass. She died March 30, 1889, leaving one daughter, Mabel A. The latter and Maria Albina, his daughter by his first wife, reside with their father. Mr. Howard is a member of the Masonic lodge in Franklin and of Mount Horeb Commandery of Concord.

JOSEPH HENRY DEARBORN, one of the leading farmers and influential residents of Pembroke, was born in Deerfield, N.H., April 19, 1849, son of the Hon. Joseph J. and Sarah (Jenness) Dearborn, of Deerfield. His ancestors on the father's side have for many generations resided in New Hampshire. The first of the Dearborn family of whom there is any authentic knowledge was Godfrey Dearborn, an Englishman, who with his family became an early settler of Boston, Mass. He afterward moved to Exeter, N.H., and was a pioneer farmer in that town. His son, Henry, married Elizabeth Merriam. Samuel Dearborn, the next in line, wedded Mercy Batchelder; and their son, Nathaniel Dearborn, married Mary Batchelder. Edward Dearborn, son of Nathaniel, and great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, born in 1749, died at Kensington, N.H. He married Susanna Brown, of Kensington; and one of their children was Sewall, grandfather of the subject of this sketch.

Sewall Dearborn was born February 26, 1773, in Deerfield, N.H. In early manhood he settled upon a farm in Deerfield. Energetic and persevering, he acquired a good estate. In politics he supported the Democratic party. In his religious belief he was a Calvinist Baptist. His death occurred in Deerfield at the age of eighty-one years. He married Sarah Dow, a native of Kensington, and reared a family of five children, none of whom are living. Mrs. Sewall Dearborn lived to the advanced age of ninety-seven years. Joseph J. Dearborn was born in Deerfield, March 8, 1818. When a young man he entered mercantile pursuits in his native town, and carried on a thriving trade for some years. He then went to Bangor, Me., and, after carrying on a hardware business for some time, returned again to Deerfield. His latest enterprise was a shoe manufactory, which he conducted successfully until his retirement. He died in Deerfield, at the age of seventy-two years. An active supporter of the Republican party, he served the town in the capacity of Selectman, was a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives and of the State Senate. He attended the Congregational church, was a man of unusual ability as a business man, and his character and integrity were beyond reproach. The first of his three marriages was contracted with Sarah Jenness, who was a daughter of Thomas Jenness, of Deerfield. She died at the age of forty-nine years. Of her four children the only survivor is Joseph H., the subject of this sketch. For his second wife Joseph J. Dearborn wedded Hannah G. Chadwick, of Deerfield. She bore him two children, neither of whom is living. Mrs. Phœbe Libby McIntire became his third wife.

Joseph Henry Dearborn began his education in Pembroke, and fitted for college at Phillips Exeter Academy. At Harvard University he pursued a classical course, and graduated with the class of 1871. Afterward he was engaged in the dry-goods business in Boston until 1880. Since that year he has followed agriculture in Pembroke. Politically, he acts with the Republican party. He has been a member of the Board of Selectmen. He served on the Board of Education for two years, and he has represented this town in the legislature. For some years past he has been a Trustee of Pembroke Academy.

On November 9, 1880, Mr. Dearborn was united in marriage with Sarah Frances Stevens, daughter of Josiah and H. Ann (Head) Stevens, of Manchester, N.H. Three children have been born of the union; namely, Jenness S., Joseph Jewell, and Sarah Elizabeth. Mr. Dearborn is connected with the

Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Pembroke Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. His many estimable qualities and superior intellectual attainments are appreciated by his fellow-townsmen, in whose interests he has labored diligently as a public official. The family attend the Congregational church.

JOHN F. DAVIS, Postmaster of Sunapee, was born here, November 11, 1835, son of Eli and Eunice (Pingree) Davis. The grandfather, Eli Davis (first), was born March 15, 1775, in Rowley, Mass. He was one of the first settlers of Springfield, N.H., where he went when quite a young man, and where he carried on general farming. Later he removed to Plainfield, N.H., where he spent the latter part of his life. He married Judith Sanborn, who was born June 6, 1776, and with her reared ten children. A prominent man, he served the town in several public capacities, including that of legislative Representative. He was also an esteemed member and Deacon of the Baptist church. He died October 22, 1848, and his wife on September 6, 1860.

Eli Davis (second), born in Springfield, N.H., December 29, 1807, was very successfully engaged in general farming, and spent most of his life in Sunapee. In politics he was a Democrat, but held no public office. In religious belief he was a Universalist. He married Eunice Pingree, who was born in Sunapee, January 15, 1807. She was a daughter of Francis Pingree, who was an early settler, a prominent man, and a public official of the town. Her husband died on April 25, 1875; and her death occurred March 31, 1893. They had six children, of whom four are now living. They were: Ruth A., born December 10, 1829; Permilla M., born November 12, 1831; Eunice M., born November 8, 1833; John F., the subject of this sketch; Mary S., born October 12, 1838; and Julia A., born March 28, 1841. Ruth A. is the widow of James W. Trow, and at present resides in Sunapee; Permilla M. married Francis S. Trow, and died October 7, 1894; Eunice M. is the wife of Nathaniel Messer, and lives with him in New London; Mary S. married Levit S. Pillsbury, and died April 26, 1888; Julia A. is the wife of Hiram P. Eastman, and lives in Sunapee.

John F. Davis was educated in the schools of his native town. Being an only son, he lived at home until he was twenty-three years of age. He then engaged in the manufacture of shoe-stiffening and other occupations. Later on he carried the United States mail between Sunapee and Sunapee Station, being mail and express agent for a period of fourteen years. Afterward he was in the hotel business for eight years, conducting the Runnells Lake View House and the Maplewood. He was next engaged in a mercantile business for a while, after which he moved to George's Mills, a part of Sunapee, where he has resided ever since. He has been Postmaster here since 1893 and Tax Collector for three years, besides which he carries on the express business, and has been an undertaker for fifteen years. He also makes a business of taking summer boarders, having accommodations for ten guests and a livery for their convenience. In politics he is a Democrat. His religious views are liberal and not restricted to any sectarian creed. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, both the Sunapee and Lake Granges.

On February 14, 1858, Mr. Davis married Louisa S. Tucker, who was born in Sunapee, October 13, 1836, daughter of Joseph G. and Ruth (Gardner) Tucker. Mr. and Mrs. Davis

have a daughter, Carrie J., born in Sunapee, April 26, 1859, who is now the wife of Charles H. Loveland, and resides in Melrose, Mass. Mr. Davis has a fine place at George's Mills, which is a beautiful summer resort at the head of Lake Sunapee.

DANA W. CALL, a prominent farmer of Franklin, was born in this town, August 27, 1847, son of Hazen H. and Mary (Thomas) Call. His grandfather, Hazen Call, who was a lifelong resident of Franklin, spent his active period in tilling the soil. The father was reared and educated in this town. He was engaged in farming and lumbering, and died October 2, 1888. His wife, Mary, who was a native of Sanbornton, N.H., became the mother of eight children — Joseph L., Calvin T., Helen, Dana W., Horace M., Helen V., David S., and Frederick W. Joseph L. married Ann Severance, and lives in Franklin; Calvin T. married Olive B. Davis, and resides in this town; Helen died at the age of nine months; Horace M., who died December 11, 1876, married Eldora Twombly, of Hill, N.H., who also died leaving one daughter, Helen Luella; Helen V. died at the age of sixteen years; David S., who was for some years a conductor on the Northern Railroad, and is now living with his brother, Dana W., married Inzie Straw, who is now deceased; Frederick William, born in 1855, died April 3, 1873. The mother's death occurred in April, 1890.

Dana W. Call was ten years old when he went to Andover, N.H. Here he lived with an uncle until he was sixteen. He acquired a common-school education. After leaving Andover he entered the service of the Northern Railway Company, with which he remained steadily until 1870. For the succeeding fifteen years he was engaged in farming and railroading, kept a meat market in Tilton, and was in the grain business in Franklin Falls. In that period he bought his present farm, containing one hundred and twenty-five acres of excellent land, which is well improved. He makes a specialty of dairying, raises poultry, keeps an average of five hundred hens, and ships eggs to the Boston market. He also raises some fine colts. Politically, he supports the Republican party; and he was a member of the Board of Selectmen for two years, besides serving in other town offices.

Mr. Call has been twice married. On June 6, 1869, he wedded Emily W. Eaton, who died December 11, 1873. She was a daughter of the late Wheeler Eaton, formerly a prosperous farmer of Franklin. On January 29, 1876, Mr. Call was united in marriage with his present wife, whose maiden name was Nellie E. Bunton. She was born in Sanbornton, N.H., October 20, 1849, daughter of Charles and Adeline (Shaw) Bunton, natives respectively of Hookset and Sanbornton, N.H. Charles Bunton followed the blacksmith's trade in Manchester for some time, and for ten years carried on a farm in Auburn, N.H. His wife died April 5, 1881; and he is now living with his daughter, Mrs. Call. Mr. Call's children by his first marriage were: Lola H., who married Lee Stackpole, an operative in a needle factory at Filmont, N.Y.; and Mabel E., now the wife of Alfred M. Kelley, of Hill, N.H. Charles Herman Call, the only son of the present union, was born in Franklin, N.H., August 26, 1877, and is now a plumber of Franklin.

Mr. Call is a member of Meridian Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M.; of Merrimack Lodge, I. O. O. F.; of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of Honor, and the grange in Hill. He is in religious communion

with the Christian church. The Call family is one of the oldest in Franklin. Among several interesting relics left by his ancestry Mr. Call has in his possession a boat chain and a chair which once belonged to Daniel Webster.

EDWARD O. DAY, an influential citizen of Cornish, Sullivan County, N.H., is a native of this town. He was born June 21, 1838, his parents being Hiram and Louisa (Wyman) Day. The Day family is an old one in this country, and the name has been borne by several generations of upright men and women. The first representative in America was Anthony Day, of Gloucester, Mass., who died there in 1717, at the age of ninety-four years. His son Nathaniel and the next two in line, Benjamin and Benjamin, Jr., were born in Attleboro, Mass. Peletiah, who came next and was the great-grandfather of Mr. Edward O. Day, was born in Norton, Mass.

His son Rufus, who was born in Taunton, Mass., May 3, 1770, and died November 16, 1838, was the first of the name to settle in Cornish. Rufus Day was twice married, his first wife being Betty Commings, of Cornish, by whom he had the following children: Roxanna, Sylvia, Rebecca, Samuel C., Eliza, Hiram A., Emmeline, and Lucinda. Roxanna Day married Joseph Hilliard, a prosperous farmer of Cornish, and died April 19, 1878. Rebecca, who married Saul Wyman, died July 1, 1881; and her five children are likewise dead. Sylvia married Joseph Richardson, a farmer and brick mason of Cornish, and died February 14, 1882. Of her six children one is living. Samuel C., who was a shoemaker, died June 2, 1875. His wife, formerly a Miss Wood, is deceased; but three children are living. Eliza married Samuel Jones, a farmer of Montpelier, Vt., and had five children, two of whom are living. She died May 23, 1890. Samuel Jones is also deceased. Emmeline married Ariel K. Wood, and died July 16, 1887. Her husband is also deceased. Four of their children are living. Lucinda married Alvin Commings. They are both living, and have two children. Betty Commings Day died August 9, 1825; and Rufus Day married for his second wife Phebe Choate White, who died March 3, 1839, leaving no children.

Hiram A. Day, father of the subject of this sketch, was a well-known and highly respected farmer of Cornish. He was a Representative in 1883. He married Louisa Wyman, and had five children — Edward O., Henry M., Charles F., Caroline L., and Martha W. Henry Day, born in Cornish, August 29, 1842, married Alice H. Peck. He is in the insurance business in Lebanon, N.H., and is a Representative from that town at the present session of the legislature. Charles F., born January 28, 1844, enlisted as a private at Cornish in 1862, in Company E of the Ninth Regiment, New Hampshire Infantry, and afterward became Corporal. He was taken prisoner at Poplar Grove Church, September 30, 1864, and died December 25, 1864, at Salisbury Prison. Caroline L., born September 12, 1846, resides at Cornish. Martha, born November 28, 1851, has been a school teacher for a number of years. Hiram A. Day died January 10, 1895.

Mr. Edward O. Day began his working life as a tiller of the soil, and has been interested in agricultural pursuits up to the present time. He is a successful farmer and a useful citizen, being well informed on current events, and through the columns of the daily press keeping in touch with all the great social and industrial questions of the day. He has served

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his town as Selectman for nine years; and in 1893 he represented it in the State legislature, where he was a member of the Committee on Mileage. He has been Highway Surveyor for a number of years. He is a prominent Mason, and has held all offices in his lodge up to that of Master. He is an attendant of the Baptist church. He married L. Addie Spaulding, who was born November 2, 1843. Her parents, Siloam and Mahala (Silloway) Spaulding, were both natives of Plainfield, N.H. A singular coincidence in their lives is that both were born in the same town in March, that they were married in March, and that both died in the month of March in the same year, 1885.

MOODY A. PILLSBURY, a retired farmer of Webster and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, September 20, 1820, son of Moody A. and Abigail Wilkins (Dix) Pillsbury. His grandparents, Daniel and Eunice (Thurlow) Pillsbury, were natives of Newburyport, Mass. Daniel Pillsbury and a brother removed to Boscawen in 1788, and settled on land now traversed by Water Street. He was a carpenter and a millwright, which trades, together with farming, he followed during the active period of his life; and he died December 8, 1844. His wife died October 27, 1847. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom one died in infancy. The others were: Daniel, Enoch, George T., Moody A., Rebecca, Paul P., Joseph, Eunice, Mary, Sarah, and William T.

Moody A. Pillsbury, Sr., father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Boscawen, and reared upon a farm. He followed agriculture, and also operated a saw-mill for many years. In the State militia he was a Colonel and later a Brigadier-general. He died January 8, 1863. His first wife, Abigail, died May 9, 1852. A second marriage united him to Louisa F. Dix, his first wife's sister, now living in Webster, and ninety years old. Timothy Dix, the father of both wives, was formerly a resident of Boscawen. He moved to Massachusetts and later to Canada, where his last days were passed. Moody A. and Abigail Pillsbury were the parents of four children, namely: Moody A., the subject of this sketch; George, born October 17, 1823; Charles W., born June 7, 1826, who was drowned May 17, 1828; and Charles S., born April 14, 1828. George married Lydia A. Marshall, and is now a farmer in Tewksbury, Mass. Charles S. wedded Mary Runals, and is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Londonderry, N.H.

Moody A. Pillsbury obtained his education in a common school and a private academy. When twenty-one years old he went to West Newbury, Mass., and for some years was employed as a farm assistant in that vicinity. One year after his marriage he returned to Webster, where for some time he was a clerk in a store. His principal occupation, however, has been farming. Formerly he and his father-in-law were joint owners of a good farm of two hundred acres, which he carried on for many years before his retirement from active labor.

On March 15, 1847, Mr. Pillsbury was united in marriage with Charlotte Couch, who was born in Webster, April 12, 1826, daughter of Amos and Hannah (Ray) Couch. Her father, a native of Salisbury, N.H., settled upon a farm in Webster in 1820, and some years later moved to Boscawen, where he resided for the rest of his life. He died November 29, 1883, aged ninety-two years. Her mother, who was born in Henniker, died July

27, 1853. The other children of Mr. Couch and his wife were: Hale, who died August 29, 1853; Eunice, who died November 22, 1888; and Charles, who died August 1, 1824. In politics Mr. Pillsbury is a Republican. He served with ability as a Selectman for six years, was Town Clerk for one year, represented his district in the legislature in 1887, and has been a Justice of the Peace for the past twenty-five years. He has been drawn for jury service six times. Both he and Mrs. Pillsbury attend the Congregational church, and are actively interested in church work.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE FOSTER, a well-known lawyer of Concord, was born at Westminster, Vt., June 1, 1823, son of John and Sophia (Willard) Foster. His grandfather, Edmund Foster, a native of Reading, Mass., graduated from Yale College about the time of the breaking out of the Revolutionary War, and subsequently took part in the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill. He was settled as minister over one parish in Littleton, Mass., for forty-seven years; and he died in that town in the seventy-sixth year of his age. He married Phebe, daughter of the Rev. William Lawrence, of Lincoln, Mass., and reared a family of thirteen children. Three or four of the older sons served in the War of 1812. John, the youngest son, who was born in Littleton, Mass., went subsequently to Westminster, Vt., and thence to Keene, N.H., when his son William was but two years old. He kept a store in Keene for many years, served as Sheriff of the county and as Register of Deeds, and died at the age of fifty-six. His wife, Sophia, a daughter of Josiah Willard, became the mother of three children: William L., the subject of this sketch; Sophia, who died in childhood; and Susan, who is the widow of Frank G. Littlefield, and resides at Exeter, N.H.

William L. Foster was educated in the district schools of Keene and at the academies of Walpole and Hancock, N.H. He began the study of law at Keene, and subsequently attended the Harvard Law School at Cambridge, Mass. He first opened an office in Keene, where he remained until 1853. For four years he served as Postmaster and for about five years as State Reporter. Since 1853 he has resided in Concord. From 1849 to 1853 he was Clerk of the New Hampshire Senate. He was a member of the legislature in 1862–63, and he also served on the staff of Governor Dinsmore. In 1869 he was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court, and held it until his resignation in 1881. He has been a Republican ever since the formation of that party, and he cast his first Presidential vote for James K. Polk in 1844. He is a member of the Episcopal church, is popular socially, and belongs to Blazing Star Lodge, F. & A. M., of Concord.

On January 13, 1853, Mr. Foster married Harriet M. Perkins, daughter of Hamilton Perkins, who was for many years Judge of the Probate Court of Merrimack County. By her he is the father of the following children: Elizabeth F., now the widow of Edgar H. Woodman, formerly Mayor of Concord; Mary Bartlett, who became the wife of Lieutenant William A. Marshall, United States Navy; William H., one of the masters of St. Paul's School at Concord; and Roger Elliott, who resides in Webster, N.H., and is at the present time a member of the legislature. Mr. Foster takes a keen interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of his adopted city, in which he is highly esteemed as a useful and high-minded citizen.

WILLIAM DUNTON, a retired manufacturer of Newport, was born in Millbury, Worcester County, Mass., son of Moses and Zoa (Pierce) Dunton. His grandfather, who was a Revolutionary soldier, and lived for the greater part of his life in Sturbridge, Mass., carried on general farming. His son, Moses, a native of Sturbridge, settled in Millbury, Mass., where he lived for the greater part of his life. Moses was a blacksmith, and owned a small farm. He was a good, sturdy man, and a member and Deacon of the Congregational church for many years. In politics he was a Whig. He married Zoa Pierce, who was born in Millbury. Both lived to the advanced age of seventy-five years. Of their six children one died in infancy. The others were: Mary, Martha, Austin, William, and Silas. Mary is now deceased; Martha married a Mr. Dexter, and is at present living in Cambridge, Mass.; Austin resides in Millbury; Silas is also in Millbury, where he is engaged in business.

William Dunton received his education in the public schools of Millbury and at Leicester. He remained in Millbury until he was twenty-two years of age, when he located in Amsterdam, N.Y., and engaged in the manufacture of scythes. He afterward went to Waterville, Me., and there followed the same business for one year, working out as a jobber. In 1842 he settled in Newport, where he resided for several years. At one time he was in business with Ezra T. Sibley for a number of years, after which he disposed of his interest in the firm, and returned to Massachusetts. He came again to Newport in 1865, and has lived here since. In politics Mr. Dunton is a Democrat, and he has been a Selectman of the town.

In August, 1844, he married Lois Corbin, daughter of Austin Corbin, Sr. She was born in Newport, December 21, 1819, and died July 7, 1893. Their three children were: Emma, born in 1846, who died September 21, 1847; Mary A., born August 22, 1848; and Frederick W., born June 9, 1851. Mary is now the wife of A. O. Bostwick, and resides in Toledo, Ohio. Frederick lives in Hollis, L.I., and is in business as a land broker. Mr. Dunton, after an active business career, retired some time ago.

FRANK H. SARGENT, M.D., a rising young medical practitioner of Pittsfield, was born in this town, October 31, 1861, son of Charles H. and Almira (Ring) Sargent. His great-grandfather, Benjamin Sargent, served under General Washington in the Revolutionary War. He later became a Baptist minister, and preached in Pittsfield from 1808 to 1818. He died March 19, 1818, at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife, in maidenhood Eunice Lindell, reared a family of seven children.

Moses L. Sargent, grandfather of Frank H., was born in Bow, N.H., May 12, 1793. He resided most of his life in Pittsfield, and was a cabinet-maker by trade. The maiden name of his wife was Sarah Thorndike, and his family consisted of three children. He lived to the age of seventy-eight years, and his wife was seventy-six years old when she died.

Charles H. Sargent, Dr. Sargent's father, was born in Pittsfield, September 15, 1825. He followed the trade of a shoemaker for some time in connection with farming, and at one time he was overseer of a department of the Pittsfield cotton-mill. He was one of the prominent citizens of this town in his day, and was a member of the Board of Selectmen at the time of his death, which occurred February 1, 1872, when he was forty-seven years

old. In politics he was a Republican. His wife, Almira Ring, was a daughter of Theodore and Betsey (Maxfield) Ring, of Loudon, N.H. She became the mother of six children, and the survivors are: Lena A.; Charles E.; Annie M.; and Frank H., the subject of this sketch. Charles E. married Nettie Shepherd, of Toronto, Canada; Annie M. is the wife of Henry F. Davis, of Haverhill, Mass. Mrs. Charles H. Sargent is now seventy-two years old, and resides at the old homestead in this town. She is a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

Frank H. Sargent acquired his early education in the common schools and at the Pittsfield Academy. His medical studies were begun at the Maine Medical School connected with Bowdoin University, and continued at Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889. After completing his preparations with a course at the Post-graduates' Medical School in New York City, he returned to Pittsfield, and commenced the practice of his profession. Since entering upon his medical career he has created a favorable impression throughout the broad circuit over which his professional duties extend, and as a result he has a large and constantly increasing practice. He succeeded to the ownership of the home farm, where he resides, and which he carries on successfully.

In politics Dr. Sargent is independent. He has occupied all the important chairs in Suncook Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F. In his religious views he is a Congregationalist.

PHILIP C. CLOUGH, Representative of Canterbury, N.H., in the State legislature of 1897–98, is a highly intelligent, well-to-do farmer and a member of one of the old families of the town. He was born in Canterbury, February 19, 1835, the second son of Thomas and Hannah (Hazelton) Clough. His grandfather, Obadiah Clough, who was a native of Canterbury, owned the farm where Mr. Clough now lives. Thomas Clough, son of Obadiah and father of the subject of this sketch, spent his life on the old homestead. Besides farming he was interested in the railroad business. He was a prominent man in the town, and held many public offices. His wife, Hannah Hazelton, was a native of Canterbury. She died in December, 1883. They had seven children, namely: Hannah, born September 18, 1831, who died June 26, 1840; Thomas V. B., born March 26, 1833, who married Maria Gale, and is now living in Franklin, N.H.; Philip C.; Sarah G., born May 28, 1838, who died in March, 1863; Hannah A., born July 26, 1840, died April 8, 1842; Susan A., born June 26, 1843, who married E. L. Batchelder, and lives in Canterbury; and Mary B., born June 28, 1847, who married Thomas Tuck, and is now living in Pittsfield. The children were educated in the common schools of this town and in the institute at New Hampton, N.H.

Philip C., the subject of this sketch, has always lived at the ancestral homestead. He took care of his parents in their old age; and since his father's death he has managed the farm, which he now owns. It contains about one hundred and twenty-five acres. Although farming is Mr. Clough's main business, he is also the agent for all kinds of standard farming implements; and he buys and sells large quantities of fruit every fall. He is President of the Canterbury Creamery and of the Canterbury and Boscawen Telephone Company.

Mr. Clough is a Republican in politics, and he always takes an active interest in all the town business. He has been Selectman for seven years, and in 1896 he was elected Rep-

resentative of this town. He is a member of Dorrick Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 78, of Tilton, N.H., and was a charter member of the Merrimack River Grange, which is one of the oldest societies of the Patrons of Husbandry in the State. He was married August 30, 1870, to Mary E. Batchelder, of Canterbury, a daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Kimball) Batchelder. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clough are active members of the Congregational Church of Canterbury. Mr. Clough is one of the most prominent men in the town, and he is well known throughout the county.

GEORGE W. HURD, who owns and cultivates a productive dairy farm in Lempster, Sullivan County, was born where he now resides, September 16, 1837, son of Colonel Smith and Mehitable (Emerson) Hurd. His paternal grandfather, Shubael Hurd, was the first ancestor to settle in Lempster. He was one of the stirring farmers of his day, and improved the property which is now occupied by his grandson. Shubael Hurd married for his first wife Rachel Beckwith, and for his second wife Isabelle Ames, a native of Peterboro, N.H. By this union there were two sons — Smith and Justus. Justus Hurd was graduated at Dartmouth College with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He practised his profession in the States of Mississippi and Missouri, and died in St. Louis a number of years ago. His second wife was Sarah Gordon, a native of Belfast, Me.

Colonel Smith Hurd, the other son of Shubael and the father of George W., was born in Lempster, January 11, 1803. He was reared upon the homestead farm, which fell to his possession; and he displayed much energy and enterprise in its cultivation. He took an active interest in educational affairs, and was prominent in the State militia. Colonel Smith Hurd died March 3, 1877. His wife, Mehitable Emerson, was born in Goshen, N.H., January 13, 1804. Her parents were Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lakeman) Emerson, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer. Jonathan Emerson was accidentally killed by a falling tree. Mrs. Mehitable E. Hurd, who still survives and resides at the homestead, has reared seven children, as follows: Yorick G.; Robert S.; Isabelle E.; Dency; Eunice E.; George W., the subject of this sketch; and D. Emerson. Yorick G. Hurd, M.D., a graduate of Dartmouth College, became a successful physician, and for twenty-one years was superintendent of the Insane Asylum in Ipswich, Mass. He died September 24, 1888. His first wife was Mary A. Twichell, of Lempster; and his second was Ruth A. Brown, of Amesbury, Mass., who is no longer living. Their adopted daughter, Josephine, is now the wife of Harry Dodge, a grocer of Ipswich. Robert S. Hurd died in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1852. Isabelle E. became the wife of Dr. John G. Parker, of Dublin, N.H.; and neither she nor her husband is living. Their only son, J. Fred Parker, is now Assistant Secretary of the State of Rhode Island, and resides in Providence. He married Helen Pierce. Dency married for her first husband Austin Spencer, of Lempster, and by that union had one daughter, Alice M. M., who is now the wife of Lewis Greenwood, of Gardner, Mass. For her second husband she married A. H. King, who died in December, 1896, she having passed away on November 20, 1881. Eunice E. Hurd died in 1885, aged fifty-five. D. Emerson Hurd is following the trade of a blacksmith in connection with farming in Westminster, Mass. He married Ruth M. Bruce, of Lempster, and has

had a family of five children, namely: Arno E., who married Ella Flagg, and resides in Westminster; Wynne, who died at the age of two years; Albert G., M.D., who married Nettie Killum, and resides in Millbury, Mass.; Roy; and Mary.

George W. Hurd was educated in the district schools and the high school of Lempster, and has always resided at the homestead. Since coming into possession of the property, he has added a tract of adjoining land, and now has a farm of about three hundred acres. He gives his attention to general farming and dairying, produces a large quantity of butter and considerable maple sugar. His farm is one of the most fertile and desirably located pieces of agricultural property in town. For eleven years Mr. Hurd served the town faithfully as Collector of Taxes, but he has never aspired to prominence in public affairs. He is an earnest advocate of the temperance cause, and votes with the Prohibitionists. He has long been identified with the Patrons of Husbandry, and is now Treasurer of Silver Mountain Grange, No. 196.

On September 16, 1863, Mr. Hurd was joined in marriage with Eliza A. Fletcher. She was born in Lempster, February 25, 1846, daughter of Francis P. and Joan (Thompson) Fletcher, the former of whom was a native of Washington, N.H., and the latter of Marlow. Francis P. Fletcher died January 21, 1882; and his wife died July 3 of the same year. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Francis P.; Harriet P., who married John Harriman, and died in 1852; George S., who died in November, 1867; Phineas, who was born September 28, 1841; Eliza A., who is now Mrs. Hurd; Charles and Gilman, who are no longer living.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurd are the parents of two sons, namely: Robert L., who was born September 24, 1864, and died February 14, 1881; and Elbert Eugene, born November 20, 1870, who resides at home, and assists his father in carrying on the farm. He is one of the leading young men of Lempster, and is a prominent member of the Patrons of Husbandry, being Master of Silver Mount Grange. On August 30, 1891, he married Susie Bean, of this town. They have had one child, Justus, who died in infancy. Mrs. Susie B. Hurd is deeply interested in grange matters, and is Lecturer of Sullivan County Pomona Grange.

EDWARD H. STURTEVANT, Treasurer of the Franklin Needle Company, manufacturers of solid riveted latch needles at Franklin, N.H., was born in Craftsbury, Vt., April 27, 1845, son of Hiram and Eliza S. (Corey) Sturtevant. His paternal grandfather was Ezra T. Sturtevant, a mill man and wool-carder, also a manufacturer of coffins. He married Lucy Merryfield.

Hiram Sturtevant was a farmer early in life; but in 1866 he sold his farm, and went into the manufacture of sashes, doors, blinds, and furniture, in Lebanon, N.H., continuing in this business for about three years, when he sold out to his partners. Then he went into the shoe business, in which he continued until he retired. He died December 8, 1885. His widow resides most of the time with her daughter, Mrs. D. G. Thompson, in Montreal.

They had four children: Edward H., the eldest, is the subject of our sketch; Mary E., born in August, 1847, is the wife of D. G. Thompson, of Montreal, General Manager of the Montreal Transportation Company; Ezra T., born in May, 1849, now a lumber dealer in Chicago, Ill., married Mary Ida Thompson, of Woodstock, Vt.; Henry H., the youngest child, born in April, 1851, married Ella Hill,

of Belmont, Mass., and now carries on a large department store in Zanesville, Ohio.

Having received a good education, Edward H. Sturtevant began at the age of seventeen to teach school in Barton, Vt. After teaching for a while, he entered the employ of William Joslyn & Son, druggists, with a view of learning the business. Two years later he accepted a position in this line in Wellington, Ohio, remaining there for two years. At the expiration of this time he went into the drug business for himself at Lebanon. In a few months he had established a prosperous, paying business; and then at the earnest solicitation of the village physician he sold it out to him at a goodly advance over its cost. His former employers, learning of this, urged him to unite with them in opening a drug store in Colebrook, which he did; and, after remaining there one year, he sold out to them. His next venture was with his brother in Woodstock, Vt., where they kept boots and shoes as well as drugs, and were in business for five years. When they sold out his brother went West.

Mr. Edward H. Sturtevant came to Franklin in 1876, and bought out George Procter's two drug stores, one at Franklin and the other at Franklin Falls. In 1881 he bought one-half interest in the Franklin Needle Company, and undertook the management of the concern, with the additional duties of Treasurer. The President of the company is Mr. H. J. Odell, now of Laconia. It is the largest factory of the kind in the United States, employing two hundred hands; and its goods are shipped to all parts of the United States and Canada, and some are exported. Mr. Sturtevant is a Director of the Franklin Power and Light Company and Vice-President of the company. He is President and Director of the Franklin Falls Company, Director of the First National Bank of Franklin, and Trustee of the Franklin Savings Bank. He has been as prominent in political as in business circles, and in 1893 he represented the town in the legislature. In 1896, to the satisfaction of his fellow-citizens, he filled the office of Mayor of Franklin.

In May, 1869, he married Miss Ada E. Martin, of Stratford, N.H., daughter of Joseph and Alvira Martin. Her father was a lumberman and farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Sturtevant have two children: Eva E., born in October, 1875, now at Burnham School, North Hampton; and Ruth B., born in October, 1884.

Mr. Sturtevant is a member of Meridian Lodge, F. & A. M.; Franklin Chapter, R. A. M.; Mount Horeb Commandery, K. T., of Concord; and of Merrimac Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is a member of the Unitarian Society. Capable and diligent in application, he has been successful in business through life, and is a leading man in his city.

JAMES FRAME, a farmer of Canterbury, N.H., and dealer in registered thoroughbred Jersey cattle, is a native of Lennoxshire, Scotland. He was born September 5, 1834, son of Robert and Janet (Pettigrew) Frame. His paternal grandfather, also named James Frame, was a large lumber dealer in Scotland, where he died when still a young man. He married Margaret McKay.

Their son Robert, the father of the subject of this sketch, was for a number of years the editor of a newspaper in Glasgow. He introduced the omnibus into that city in 1845; and he ran the line for five years, keeping about ten omnibuses and one hundred horses. He sold out in 1850, and was appointed public inspector of carriages in Glasgow, an office

which he held for twenty years, or until he retired from business. He died in April, 1894. His wife was Janet, the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Riddell) Pettigrew, of Scotland. Alexander Pettigrew was a weaver and farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frame had five children, namely: James, of whom we shall speak more fully below; Alexander, deceased; Elizabeth, a missionary in the city of Glasgow; Mary, now living in Scotland; and Jane, who married Thomas Patterson, and is now dead. All of the children were educated in private schools.

James, their eldest son, learned the currier's trade when a young man, and served seven years in the city of Glasgow. He was appointed foreman of the business in 1855, and he held the position three years. Coming to this country in 1868, he settled first in Sunapee, N.H., where he worked as currier for a man named John Young. In the fall of 1869 he went to Chicago with the intention of making his home there; but, deciding that he liked the East better, he came back and settled in Franklin, N.H., where he worked with A. M. Stewart until 1880, when he removed to Manchester. After ten years' service there with Kimball & Gerrish he removed to Newport, R.I., where he set up in the currier business. He was very successful, and travelled a good deal on the road. He stayed but two years, however, and then came to Canterbury, N.H., where he bought of Frank Merrill his present property, containing about one hundred and thirty acres of well-improved land. His place is called Strathsee Farm, and is a beautiful homestead. Mr. Frame does general farming; but his main interest is in cattle, of which he has made a careful study. He keeps about twenty head of registered thoroughbred Jerseys, and makes annually a large amount of fine butter. He has taken nine prizes at the New Hampshire State Fair with his fine cattle.

In politics Mr. Frame is a Republican, and he is an active worker in his party. He belongs to Granite Lodge, K. of P., of Manchester, N.H.; and to the Merrimack River Grange, Canterbury. In religion he is of the liberal Christian type, and is a member of the Universalist church. He married Jane Patterson, a daughter of William and Susan (Hamilton) Patterson, born December 22, 1838. Mr. and Mrs. Frame have had four children. A brief record may here be given, as follows: Robert Frame, the only son, a graduate of Dartmouth, married Minnie Gail, of Canterbury, and is now Treasurer of the Dececo Company at Newport, R.I.; Susan Hamilton Frame married George W. Hardy, a machinist of Manchester, N.H., and died at the age of twenty-nine; Janet Pettigrew Frame is a trained nurse at Newport, R.I.; and Jeanie Frame, born in December, 1867, died July 25, 1887.

JOHN A. FULLER, a well-known and influential citizen of Contoocook, Merrimack County, N.H., son of Abram G. and Adeline C. (Fellows) Fuller, was born in Bridgewater, Grafton County, this State, August 8, 1848. His paternal grandfather, John A. Fuller, first, a farmer, removed from Vermont to Hopkinton, N.H., and resided there till his death, which occurred in his eighty-second year. He married Mary Davis.

Abram G. Fuller, son of John A. Fuller and Mary (Davis) Fuller, born in Hopkinton, was a farmer and wheelwright, having a shop on his farm. He lived to the age of seventy-one years. His wife, Adeline C. Fellows, also of Hopkinton, died in January, 1895. Of their children only two, John A., of Con-

toocook, and Orrin F., a farmer of Hopkinton, are in New Hampshire.

John A. Fuller, the subject of this sketch, was a boy of eight or nine years when he went to Hopkinton. He was educated in the public schools and in the academy at Contoocook. Living on his father's farm in Hopkinton until he was sixteen years of age, he then went to Goffstown, where he learned the trade of sash and blind making. From that time he became his own supporter, and, coming to Contoocook, worked as foreman in the factory of McClure & Taggart, where he remained until the factory was burned three years later. After this he worked as clerk in a village store. He was appointed Postmaster under the Cleveland administration of 1885, served as Assistant Postmaster for four years under Harrison, and was then reappointed Postmaster upon the re-election of Mr. Cleveland. He now holds the position. He has also the fire insurance agency for the village, his books showing a good business. Mr. Fuller has served for fifteen years as a Justice of the Peace and for ten years as a Notary Public, doing conveyancing and attending to the other official duties. He has also served for fourteen years as Township Clerk, and is thus connected with almost every public enterprise in the township.

April 30, 1872, John A. Fuller married Julia F., daughter of Jacob M. and Sarah C. (Abbott) Morrill, of Contoocook. Their one child, William F. Fuller, is proprietor of a job printing establishment in Contoocook. Mrs. Fuller's father, Jacob Matthew Morrill, was born in Hopkinton, July 11, 1819, son of Joseph and Pamelia Martin Morrill, and died October 19, 1896, aged seventy-seven years. He spent a few years in Dixon, Ill., but lived mainly in Contoocook village, where he worked as a carpenter and joiner. From October, 1862, to August, 1863, he served in Company D, Sixteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers; and in 1871 he was made a Selectman of the town. He married April 30, 1845, Sarah Call Abbott, daughter of J. Herman and Sally Currier Abbott. Mrs. Morrill is still living.

Mr. John A. Fuller is by political sentiment a Democrat. He is a member of Hillsborough Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 2, in Manchester; and has passed the chairs in Eagle Encampment, No. 8, of Contoocook. Mrs. Fuller is a member of the Rebecca Lodge, I. O. O. F.

CHARLES A. FISHER, a prominent resident of Claremont, Sullivan County, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, November 10, 1837, son of Leonard P. and Nancy T. (Lincoln) Fisher. The original ancestor of the family in America was Anthony Fisher, who emigrated with his wife and five children from Syleham, Suffolk County, England, in 1637, and settled in Dedham, Mass. Jeremiah Fisher, a descendant of Anthony, resided for many years in Massachusetts, and enlisted four times to serve in the Revolutionary War. On the Lexington alarm roll, April 19, 1775, he appears as a private in Joseph Moses's company, Colonel Samuel Bullard's regiment. His last days were spent in Claremont, his death occurring at the age of eighty-nine years. His children were: Josiah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (twins) Elizabeth, Hannah, Phœbe, and Prudence.

Abraham Fisher, son of Jeremiah and great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Massachusetts in 1764. When his father joined the Continental army, he went to live with a Mr. Fasset, whom he ac-

companied to the front as an attendant; and he was present at the battle of Bunker Hill. In 1785 he and his wife came on horseback from Natick, Mass., to Claremont; and in 1796 he settled upon the farm which is now occupied by his great-grandson, Charles A. Abraham Fisher was a cabinet-maker; and he followed his trade in connection with farming, employing several apprentices. He possessed a great deal of mechanical ingenuity, being among the first inventors of a cooking-stove; and aside from his regular calling he operated a cider-mill, which was run by water-power. He was a Universalist in his religious views, and is said to have contributed one-sixth of the entire cost of the first church in Claremont of that denomination. He died on February 3, 1851, aged eighty-seven years; and he left a fair estate.

Josiah Fisher, only son of Abraham and grandfather of Charles A., was born in Natick, Mass., in 1784. He learned the cabinet-maker's trade, and went to Rochester, N.Y., where he bought a piece of land, but later sold it, as he was forced to leave that locality on account of fever and ague. He settled permanently in York, N.Y., and engaged in the lumber business and farming. He died in September, 1856. He married Orena, daughter of Nathaniel and Rachel Goss, and had a family of ten children; namely, Leonard P., Clinton, Mary, Harriet, Caroline, Curtis, George, Fanny, Lucy, and Josiah.

Leonard P. Fisher, son of Josiah, was born in Claremont, October 6, 1807. When ten years old he accompanied his parents to New York State, where he assisted his father in business until he was twenty-two years old. He then returned to Claremont for the purpose of helping his grandfather, and eventually he inherited the homestead. He cultivated the farm successfully; and during the winter season he cut and hauled timber, which he manufactured at his own saw-mill into building material. He erected a number of houses, all of which are now standing. He was naturally cheerful, and was highly esteemed for his genial disposition and kind-heartedness. Leonard P. Fisher died December 6, 1893. He was an active member of the Universalist church and a liberal contributor toward its support. Nancy T. Lincoln, whom he married, was born in Pittsfield, Vt., May 17, 1815, daughter of Tisdale and Elizabeth Lincoln. Tisdale Lincoln passed his earlier years in Westmoreland, N.H., but later was a well-known citizen of Mendon and Pittsfield, Vt., and the father of nine children. To Leonard P. and Nancy T. (Lincoln) Fisher were born six children, as follows: Nancy Jane, Charles A., George L., Arba C., Albert F., and Edwin C. Nancy Jane is now the widow of Marvin Blood, and lives in Reading, Mass.; George L. was for several years a commission merchant in Boston and in New York City, where he died in June, 1890; Arba C. has been in a successful commission business in Boston for the past twenty-five years; Albert F. is a photographer in Hinsdale, N.H.; and Edwin C. is in the bicycle business in Everett, Mass. Mrs. Leonard P. Fisher is living at the age of eighty-two years, and occupies the old family residence in Claremont.

Charles A. Fisher attended the public schools in his boyhood, and when a young man he engaged in farming upon his own account in the eastern part of this town. He remained there until the death of his father, when he returned to the homestead in order to take charge of the property, and now resides in the house where his great-grandfather lived and died. As a practical farmer he ranks among the foremost in this section. In poli-

tics he is a Republican. He is a member of the Board of Selectmen, serving in 1894, 1896, and 1897; and while representing this town in the legislature in 1889 and 1890 he served upon the Committee on Education.

Mr. Fisher married Elizabeth Dean, daughter of Horace Dean. They have one child, a daughter, Frances Emeline, who is a graduate of the Stevens High School of Claremont, was a teacher for several years, and is now the wife of Will J. Powers, of Brandon, Vt.

SAMUEL M. TRUE, a farmer of Loudon, was born here, February 7, 1845, son of Captain Daniel and Abigail D. (Jones) True, his mother coming from Chichester, N.H., and his father being a native of Loudon. His grandfather was Daniel True, who came to Loudon and settled on Oak Hill in the town, and carried on farming there for the remainder of his life.

Captain Daniel True, who lived on the farm, and there carried on farming for the greater part of his life, commanded a company in the State militia for a number of years, and died in March, 1861. His wife, who survived him until July, 1878, had six children — Samuel M., John H., Charles H., James L., Abbie M., and Julia M. John, Charles H., and James L. reside in Concord, N.H. Charles is engaged in the teaming business; James L., who is a carpenter, married Clara Patrick; Abbie M. died at the age of eighteen; Julia M., who resides in Rye, N.H., married Edward Downs, of that town, who carries on a fish business.

Samuel M. True received a common-school education, remaining at home on the farm until he was about twenty-five years of age. Then he went to Concord, where he was employed at the depot as baggage-master for one year. Since then he has made his home on his present farm. The estate, known as the old Batchelder farm, contains about two hundred and fifty acres. Besides effecting sundry improvements, he has carried on general farming, raised some stock, and kept a dairy.

On May 9, 1872, Mr. True married Grace A. Batchelder, of Loudon, who was born May 9, 1850, daughter of Harmon E. and Clara M. (Sanborn) Batchelder, both of Loudon. Mr. Batchelder, now eighty-one years old, was a farmer, and is now living with his daughter, Mrs. True. Mrs. Batchelder died in November, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. True have three children, born as follows: Nellie A., April 4, 1874; Blanche M., May 27, 1878; and Mary E., December 7, 1884. Nellie A. is now the wife of Dr. William A. McGrath, of Loudon, N.H. Blanche and Mary are at home with their parents. Mr. True has always been in sympathy and voted with the Republican party. He is a Mason of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 11, of Concord. He also belongs to the White Mountain Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., of the same town, and to the Loudon Grange. He still carries on farming, in which he is very successful.

GEORGE BANCROFT GRIFFITH, a well-known littérateur residing in Lempster, N.H., was born February 28, 1841, in Newburyport, Mass. His parents, Robert and Charlotte (Merrill) Griffith, were both natives of that town, with whose mercantile interests his paternal grandfather, who also bore the name Robert, was for many years identified. The elder Robert Griffith married Nancy Bartlett, a native of West Newbury; and their family of seven children were as follows: Rufus, Robert, Augustus, Isaac, Angeline, Henrietta, and Elizabeth.

Robert Griffith, Jr., George B. Griffith's father, was reared and educated in Newburyport; and when a young man he entered the clothing business. He displayed a natural capacity for business pursuits, which gave unusually bright prospects for his future success; but he was not permitted to realize these anticipations, as his death occurred in August, 1849, when he was but thirty years old. His wife, Charlotte Merrill, who was a daughter of Samuel Merrill, died January 31, 1897. She was the mother of four children, namely: George B., the subject of this sketch; Robert; Willie; and Nancy, who died at the age of seventeen years.

George Bancroft Griffith resided in Newburyport until after his father's death, when he accompanied his mother to the neighboring town of Rowley, Mass. After graduating from Dummer Academy, South Byfield, Mass., he entered mercantile pursuits as a clerk in Newburyport. A short time later he went to Haverhill, where he was employed for some two years in a grocery store kept by David Emery; and he subsequently engaged in that business upon his own account. On May 25, 1863, he enlisted as a private in Company A, First Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Artillery, and was eventually appointed by General Grant to serve in the medical department as hospital steward. He was discharged at Concord, N.H., in September, 1865. After his return from the army he resided in Charlestown, Mass., for some years; and in 1875 he removed to Lempster, Sullivan County, N.H., where for two years he was engaged in the lumber business. In 1879 he purchased the Timothy Bruce place, which he now occupies, and since taking possession has made various improvements in the property.

Mr. Griffith's poetic genius began to develop when he was ten years old, at which time his first poem was printed. He has written frequently both in prose and verse, and many of his pieces have been illustrated, and some set to music. Many of his productions have been given to the world through the columns of the *Youth's Companion*, *St. Nicholas*, *Christian Work*, New York *Independent*, New York *Observer*, and other well-known periodicals; and several may be found in "Poems of Places," edited by Longfellow, in Drake's "Legends of New England," in "The Scholar's Speaker," "Poets of America," "Wayside Flowers," and other standard collections of verse. His reputation thus extends far beyond the limits of the New England States. An extended biographical sketch of Mr. Griffith, with a portrait, appeared a few years since in the Boston *Home Guest*, and more recently in the *Magazine of Poetry*, Buffalo, N.Y., and in two anthologies published in Chicago. The leading elocutionists of America are using Mr. Griffith's poems in their readings; and his "Swiss Good Night," which is extremely popular, has been translated into several languages. Mr. Griffith has been engaged for years in editing a large work on the poets of Massachusetts, and contemplates publishing a volume of his own miscellaneous poems at an early day, to be followed by a collection of his local poems in New Hampshire. In 1888 he finished the compilation of "The Poets of Maine," which was issued in Portland; and the work has secured for its compiler the unanimous praise of its readers as a most excellent judge of the best efforts of Maine's poetical writers.

On September 1, 1861, Mr. Griffith was united in marriage with Anna S. Howe. She was born in Bradford, N.H., January 3, 1842, daughter of Lyman C. and Sophronia (Bartlett) Howe, the former of whom was a native of Henniker, N.H., and the latter was born in

HENRY McCOY.

Newburyport, Mass. Mrs. Griffith's parents resided for many years in Bradford, N.H., where her father was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Lyman C. Howe died in April, 1868; and his wife died in December, 1881. They reared five children, as follows: Moses B., who died at the age of forty-four years; Micah C., who married Hattie Smith, of Henniker, N.H., and is now a retired farmer of that town; George L., proprietor of a restaurant in Saco, Me., who married for his first wife Ellen Bagley and for his second wife Martha Fletcher, of Gardner, Mass.; Anna S., who is now Mrs. Griffith; and Jason C., who is residing in Contoocook, N.H.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have five children, namely: Agnes Irving, born January 16, 1863; Emma Mortimer, born September 4, 1865; Annie V., born August 11, 1868; Charles Warren, born September 4, 1869; and Pearlette, born September 20, 1872. Agnes Irving married C. C. Richardson, a native of Lempster and a travelling salesman for a Lowell house. They reside in Melrose Highlands, and have had four children: Margaret C.; Edmund B., who is no longer living; Lillian V.; and Elizabeth. Emma M. married for her first husband the Rev. Charles Henry Leet, of Claremont, N.H., a Methodist minister. He died May 27, 1890; and she is now the wife of Willard Whitehouse, an engineer of Manchester, N.H. Annie V. married Charles Cragin, a prosperous farmer of Lempster. Charles Warren is a caterer in Fitchburg, Mass. He married Martha Simmons, of Ashby, Mass., and has one daughter, Violet, born in May, 1892. Pearlette married L. Dexter Isham, of the Vermont Central Railroad, May 13, 1897, and resides at Bellows Falls.

Mr. Griffith is connected with St. John Lodge, F. & A. M., of Portsmouth, and is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and an official of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, he is a Republican; and he was Postmaster at East Lempster in the years 1883 and 1884.

HENRY McCOY, proprietor of the Bradford Mineral Springs and the Bradford Springs Hotel at Bradford, N.H., entertains each season large numbers of guests from New England and various other sections of the country. Bradford Spring Park is located in the town of Bradford, about a mile from the village of East Washington, and comprises upward of forty acres of land, including Lovewell Lake, which in the summer is alive with gay parties of hotel visitors using the pleasure boats provided for them. The spring was first heard of by the white inhabitants in 1770, when some of them passing that way saw a group of Indians encamped with their sick around the "big medicine water," as they termed it. The water has since been thoroughly analyzed by Dr. Jackson, the eminent Boston chemist, who found in it carbonate of soda, magnesia, lime, chloride of sodium, potassium, sulphate of lime, oxide of iron, and alumina, sulphur, organic matter, and carbonic acid, an analysis that was sustained in every particular by Dr. Richards, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. The owners of the spring, having found that the waters issue through a seam in the solid ledge at the rate of thirty-five gallons per minute, have so enclosed the fissure that no outside water can possibly mix with and contaminate the spring water, which is especially useful in the cure of all skin diseases, very efficacious in the cure of catarrh in any form, has been successfully used in very bad cases of rheumatism and malaria, has wonderful effects in cases

of dyspepsia and indigestion, and works like a charm upon congested liver, kidney, or bladder.

In 1881 Mr. McCoy purchased this property, which he has since greatly improved. The old hotel, the Hermitage, was built in 1858; but, it being far too small to accommodate its numerous patrons, the present owner doubled the capacity of the dining-room, added an annex containing twenty-six sleeping-rooms, and built a cottage of four rooms, thus increasing the number of rooms in the hotel to seventy-five. He has also erected the spring-house, a handsome octagonal building, and a bath-house of three rooms, besides making many other substantial improvements. He reorganized the establishment on a strictly temperance plan, and keeps no help that use intoxicants of any kind, making the place an ideal resort for temperance people. Connected with the hotel is an extensive livery, and during the pleasure season he has carriages at the Bradford station on the arrival of the train that leaves Boston, via the Boston & Lowell Railway, at one o'clock P.M. The waters of the spring are in demand in many different parts of the country, and a good business is done in shipping it. Mr. McCoy's farm of sixty acres, with a dairy of ten cows, insures to guests an abundant supply of fresh vegetables and pure milk and cream.

Mr. McCoy was born July 31, 1829, in Sharon, N.H., a son of Thomas and Lucy (Sanderson) McCoy, and on the paternal side is of Scotch descent. His paternal grandfather, Gilbert McCoy, is said to have been born and reared in Scotland, whence, after learning the weaver's trade, he emigrated to New England, locating in Londonderry, this State, and subsequently marrying Lucy Stewart, of Peterboro.

Henry McCoy lived on the home farm until of age, when he struck out for himself, his first important step in his onward career being to secure a helpmate. He subsequently engaged in the grocery and provision business for some years in Boston, Mass., after which for twenty-nine years he confined himself entirely to the sale of provisions. In 1881 he bought his present property in Bradford, as above mentioned, but continued his market for another year. His hotel business has since assumed such large proportions that it requires his entire time and attention.

Mr. McCoy married January 8, 1850, Elizabeth Sayward Crane, who was born in Washington, Sullivan County, N.H., a daughter of James and Fanny D. (Sayward) Crane. Her father was a native of Washington, the son of pioneer parents in that town, his father, Joseph Crane, having been born in Milton, Mass., and his mother, Deliverance Mills Crane, having been born in Needham, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have had but one child, a daughter, Ella. She married Henry M. Nichols, who was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion. Both are now deceased; but their son, Bertram Henry Nichols, has always lived with his grandparents. He married Belle Strickland; and they have one child, Ella Cora Nichols.

During the late Civil War Mr. McCoy, the subject of this sketch, went South to assist the Christian Commission in caring for the wounded, bringing them home if advisable; and for some time he was in the army hospital at City Point, Va. Mrs. McCoy was one of the Executive Committee for nine years of the Home for Discharged Soldiers in Boston, the sick or wounded soldiers during the war times being sent there from the front to be cared for. Mrs. McCoy rendered most willing service in any needed direction, making, for instance, not to mention many other labors,

burial robes for nearly eight hundred soldiers, who were brought there to die.

Mr. McCoy is a strong Prohibitionist, and Mrs. McCoy has for years been an active worker in the temperance cause. She was for ten years President of the South Boston organization of the W. C. T. U., and Treasurer of the State W. C. T. U., holding that office at the time Mrs. Livermore was President of the State W. C. T. U. In 1885 she organized the W. C. T. U. of Washington, N.H., and has been very active in carrying out the plans for the W. C. T. U. State fairs. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCoy united with the Baptist Church of Peterboro when young, and were afterward connected with the church of that denomination in South Boston, in which he served as Deacon, and had a class of thirty-five young men, also for a time acting as superintendent of the Sunday-school. Both are now members of the Baptist church at East Washington, Mr. McCoy, who has been a church official most of the time since eighteen years old, being Deacon of the church. He is also a member of the church choir, there having been few Sundays since he was thirteen years old when his voice has not been heard with the church singers. He has likewise been quite prominent in the work of the Y. M. C. A., of which he was for some years the President. In his earlier life Mr. McCoy taught school for some years, beginning at the age of seventeen, and being employed in New Boston, Marlboro, Sharon, and Peterboro, N.H.

BENJAMIN F. MAXFIELD, one of the farmers of Loudon township, was born in Gilmanton, N.H., March 22, 1828, son of Enoch and Sallie (Thompson) Maxfield. The father, a farmer of Gilmanton, was a native of Chichester; and the mother was from Northfield, N.H. Their children were: Oliver, now deceased, who married Sobrina Ann Towle; Benjamin F., the subject of this article; Clearsy, deceased; Laura, also deceased, who became the wife of Cyrus Jones; B. Jennie, who is the wife of Thomas Tate, and now lives in Rockport, Mass.; Charles H., deceased; Hiram, deceased, who successively married Mary E. Flanders and Mary Page, both now deceased; John, who married Affiah Page, and is a farmer in Gilmanton; Rachel, the wife of Abram Burham, a ship-carpenter of Essex, now deceased; Edwin, who married Laura J. Sanborn, and lives in Gilmanton; and Abbie, the youngest, who died at the age of nineteen years.

Having received his education in the town schools, Benjamin F. Maxfield at the age of fifteen went to Loudon Ridge, where he engaged in farming for four years. He tried railroading for a short period after this, but returned to town and spent a year on the farm of Deacon Brown. His next employment was on the farm of Mrs. Mary French, which he subsequently bought. Starting as a farm hand, with but thirty-five cents that he could call his own, by the closest economy he was able to put by enough money to buy the farm and become independent for life. He and his wife now own about two hundred acres. In addition to his general farming he carries on fruit-raising and stock-raising.

On July 23, 1862, Mr. Maxfield married Miss Juliette French, daughter of Daniel S. and Ann B. (Neal) French, of Loudon. Her father, a cooper early in life, afterward settled upon a farm in Loudon, where he died August 2, 1841. He left three children: Vienna Jane, deceased; Juliette, who was born November 19, 1835; and Ann Augusta. Mr. and Mrs. Maxfield had one child — Dannie F., who died in infancy. Mr. Maxfield owns

some of the finest houses in the township. Formerly a Democrat in politics, he is now a Republican. He has never aspired to office. Mrs. Maxfield is a member of the Free Will Baptist church, in which both take an active interest.

WILLIAM T. THISSELL, a prominent farmer of Goshen and an ex-member of the legislature, was born in Newbury, N.H., February 25, 1838, son of Hiram and Jane (Collins) Thissell. His grandfather, Henry Thissell, who was a native of Beverly, Mass., followed the sea for a number of years. On one occasion in this period of his life, when his ship was off the Russian coast, he with others of the crew went ashore, and on ascending a high hill they obtained a view of the army with which Napoleon Bonaparte was invading Russia. He finally settled upon a farm in Newbury, N.H., and there resided for the rest of his life. He married Elizabeth Thissell, of Beverly, and reared a family of six children.

Hiram Thissell, father of William T., was born in Newbury, and reared to farm life. He followed agriculture exclusively for several years in his native town, and was then engaged in a mercantile business in Lempster and Washington. His last days were passed in Goshen. In politics he supported the Democratic party, and he served as Town Clerk in Washington for several years. He died January 25, 1893. His first wife, Jane Collins Thissell, a native of Newbury, was a daughter of Richard Collins, a well-known farmer of that town in his day. She died March 27, 1877. His second wife, who was before marriage Jane Webster, of Acworth, N.H., died April 2, 1884. He married for his third wife Melinda Mitchell, a native of Nova Scotia. She survives him, and is residing in Goshen. Hiram and Jane (Collins) Thissell were the parents of six children — William T., Earl A., Ambrose J., Mary Jane, Albanus C., and Ova N. Earl A. Thissell is connected with the Shaw Knitting Company, of Lowell, Mass., and is also interested in an oil and gas company, doing business in Florence and Boston, Mass., and in Ohio. He married Nellie Cater, of Lowell, who is now deceased. His only son, Bertrand A., is a veterinary surgeon of Boston. Ambrose J. Thissell is a merchant and farmer in Lowell, Mass. He wedded Mary O. Clark, of Oswego, N.Y.; and she died leaving no children. Mary Jane married Supply Barney, of Washington, N.H. She died February 15, 1897, leaving two children. Albanus C., who was a merchant, is also deceased. Ova N., who is in mercantile business in Lowell, married Clara V. Bawlding, of that city, and has three children.

William T. Thissell was educated in the common and high schools. He remained at home until he was twenty years old, at which time he engaged in buying and shipping potatoes. He has also peddled upon the road. Lempster was his headquarters until 1885, when he purchased his present farm of two hundred acres, situated in South Goshen. He carries on general farming and dairying, raises poultry, and sells a large quantity of eggs annually. In politics he is a Democrat. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen in Lempster for seven years, represented that town in the legislature during the sessions of 1873 and 1874, was a member of the School Board, was on the Library Committee, and has been a Justice of the Peace for more than twenty-five years. At the present time he is serving as Town Auditor in Goshen.

Mr. Thissell has been twice married. On the first occasion, September 20, 1865, he wedded Mary A. Nichols, of Lempster, daugh-

ter of Timothy and Amelia (Gould) Nichols. The father was born in that town, and the mother in Claremont, N.H. Mr. Thissell's first wife died December 19, 1867. On January 22, 1872, he married Axie L., daughter of Cyrus and Roxanna (Twist) Leach, of Newbury. She died October 9, 1896. Mr. Thissell is connected with Forest Lodge, No. 61, I. O. O. F., of Marlow; with Mount Sunapee Grange, No. 144, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he has been Master and Chaplain; and with the Knights of Honor. In his religious views he is a Universalist.

GILMAN B. KIMBALL, a resident of Hopkinton and one of the most prosperous and progressive agriculturists of Merrimack County, comes of pioneer ancestry. His paternal grandfather, Nathaniel Kimball, born here July 23, 1786, was the second owner of the present homestead. With the exception of two or three years spent in New London, this State, Nathaniel lived on it from the time of his marriage until his death, which occurred November 27, 1869. He and Betsey Titcomb, who was born January 27, 1794, were married March 7, 1815, by the Rev. B. Darling. She was an active, thrifty housewife, and noted for her manufactures of silk, as shown on page 150 of "Life and Times," compiled by C. C. Lord. She died February 7, 1856, having been the mother of three children. The latter were: Cyrus T., born December 22, 1815, who lived but a year; Moses T., the father of Gilman B.; and Priscilla, who died at the age of two years.

Moses T. Kimball was born April 12, 1817, during the residence of his parents in New London, and died in Hopkinton, April 19, 1874. He was reared on the home farm, which became his by inheritance, assuming its management before the death of his parents, whom he cared for during their declining years. The present house, all of which is more than one hundred years old, was built at different periods of time, both the father and grandfather of Moses having added to the original residence. One of his aunts, a sister of Nathaniel Kimball, named Hannah, was born in this house in 1773, and died within its walls in 1863, aged ninety years. Moses T. Kimball was an industrious, prudent man, wise in his business methods and sound in his judgments. He acquired quite a property. After giving a tract of land to each of his daughters, he owned at his death, in addition to the homestead of one hundred and twenty acres, one hundred acres in Hopkinton and fifty acres of pasture in Bradford. He did a good deal of lumbering in his earlier life, cutting logs from his own land and hauling them to the river, where he sold them. He was prominent in the town and a leader in the Democratic party, which the Kimball family have invariably supported. He was a lifelong member of the Baptist church, in which for many a year "Gransir" Kimball was one of the pillars. He was twice married. On May 1, 1842, by the Rev. S. Cook, he was united in marriage with Harriet Emerson, of this town. She died a few years later, leaving two daughters, namely: Priscilla, born January 30, 1845, who is the widow of J. G. Highland, and lives on the old Smith farm; and Ellen L., born March 13, 1846, who married Philander M. Lord, of Dunbarton. On November 17, 1852, Moses T. Kimball married Mary F. Smith, who was born March 17, 1820. Her birthplace was the farm in Hopkinton, on the Jewett road, now owned by Mrs. J. G. Highland, and of which her grandfather, Moody Smith, was the original owner. Her parents, Josiah and Sarah (Bailey) Smith,

were both natives of Hopkinton, and her father resided throughout the seventy years of his life in the house in which he was born. The children of Mrs. Moses T. Kimball were: Gilman B. and Herbert M.

Gilman B. Kimball was born September 23, 1854, on the farm where he now resides. Since the age of fourteen years he has virtually had charge of it, his father having been an invalid in the last five years of his life. He and his brother have been extensively engaged in the various branches of agriculture, and have greatly increased the acreage of the original ancestral estate by the purchase of other land, in many cases buying entire farms. They bought for eighteen hundred dollars the Charles Merrill farm of eighty acres, on which Herbert for a while resided. They owned the Colonel Colby farm of sixty acres for a time; and a few years since they bought for two thousand eight hundred dollars the large and well-improved farm of John Page, on which were buildings that cost six thousand dollars to erect. The last purchase was effected in October, 1893, when the seller was a man to whom the property was knocked down at auction for three thousand dollars, and who gave them two hundred dollars to take it off his hands. That was one of the greatest bargains of the times, the estate being one of the finest in Hopkinton or Concord, containing much land valuable for tillage, excellent pasturage, and a good piece of timber. Herbert now lives on that farm, where he keeps a large dairy of fifty cows and supplies a long milk route.

Gilman B. Kimball also pays much attention to dairying, having twenty cows of a good grade and a profitable milk route. For nearly two years he has been somewhat of an invalid, not able to do much manual labor, employing trusty help for that, while he has general superintendence of the farm. He has never married; and he resides with his mother, a very bright and active woman, who has continued her residence on the homestead. She is a most estimable Christian woman and a consistent member of the Congregational church.

DEXTER PEABODY, a well-known farmer of Newport, was born on the farm where he now resides, December 14, 1822, son of Ammi and Sarah (Johnson) Peabody. A carefully arranged family tree kept by Mr. Peabody shows that the different branches of the family sprung from Francis Peabody, who was born in England in 1614. Francis had a son John, born in 1642, who had a son David, born in 1673, who had John, born in 1714, who was the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Jedediah Peabody, son of the last John and grandfather of the present Mr. Peabody, born near Boxford in 1743, was a well-to-do farmer. The first part of his life was spent in Henniker, and the latter in Lebanon, where he died after a long and active life. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. By his wife, Alice Howlett Peabody, he was the father of eleven children, all of whom grew up. They were born as follows: Lydia, in 1767; Ammi, in 1769; Mary, in 1771; Moses, in 1773; Susanna, in 1775; Thomas, in 1777; Alice, in 1779; Andrew, in 1782; Frederick, in 1785; John, in 1787; and Betsy, in 1789.

Ammi Peabody, who was a native of Boxford, Mass., came to Newport in 1796, and settled on the farm where Dexter Peabody now lives. There were no roads then, and he was obliged to cut the first tree in making a clearing. He had the true pioneer spirit, however, and persevered, building a small frame house and gradually bringing order out

of chaos in respect to the condition of the land. He owned somewhat over one hundred acres, and was an energetic and successful man. Ammi first married Polly Rice, of Henniker, N.H., who was the mother of two children — Lucy and Martha. His second wife, Sarah Johnson Peabody, born in Guilford, Conn., in 1780, had twelve children, all of whom lived to maturity. Both he and Sarah were members of the Congregational church. In politics he was a Whig. For the last thirty-five years of his life he was blind. He died in Newport in 1845. Four of his fourteen children are now living, namely: Charles, who graduated at Dartmouth College, and is a Congregational minister, now residing in Pasadena, Cal.; Leonard W., a graduate of Castleton (Vt.) Medical College, and a physician of Henniker, N.H.; Helen, a graduate of South Hadley, Mass., who was principal of the Western Female Seminary of Oxford, Ohio, for more than thirty years and now lives in Pasadena; and Dexter, the subject of this article. The other children were: Asenath, Carroll W., Lucy, Martha, Calvin, Ruel, Maria, Frederick, Sarah, and Eliza.

Dexter Peabody passed an uneventful boyhood on the old home farm, receiving the education which the town schools afforded. While his brothers and sisters one by one went away from home, he remained and took charge of the place, and cared for his parents in their declining years. After the death of both he bought out the other heirs, and settled down there, and has lived in the same spot ever since. It bears the name of Valley View Farm. A more beautiful situation cannot easily be found. The house stands on a noble height rising from a lovely valley, and a fine background is afforded by the dark blue mountains and hills. It is considered one of the finest bits of scenery in the district. The land embraces about two hundred acres, and everything is kept in the most orderly manner, and gives evidence of thrift and enterprise. Mr. Peabody is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry at Newport. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while in politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Peabody was married in 1848 to Mary E., daughter of Jabez and Sally (Bixby) Fairbanks, and a sister of George H. Fairbanks, who is the subject of another sketch. She died October 12, 1873, leaving three sons, two of whom are now living. The latter are: Charles F., born August 14, 1849, now engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Iowa; and Frank G., born December 29, 1860, also residing in Iowa, and engaged in the same business as his brother. Wilber, born August 19, 1852, died in Pasadena, Cal., in 1893. Mr. Peabody was again married September 24, 1874, to Martha S. Moore, who was born in Putney, Vt., March 21, 1841, daughter of Curtis and Mary (Dodge) Moore. There were two children by the second marriage — Ralph C. and Helen M. Ralph was born June 29, 1880, and is at home. The daughter, Helen, was born April 13, 1876, and died February 19, 1879. Taking a warrantable pride in his ancestry, Mr. Peabody is an active member of the Peabody Association, and attended the reunion of its members. The hospitality dispensed in the Peabody household by him and his estimable wife is of the traditional New England character, marked by a delightful freedom and abundance.

MILO S. MORRILL, a prominent lumberman and farmer, was born in Canterbury, January 20, 1846, son of Captain David and Sallie (Peverly)

Morrill. The grandfather, Reuben Morrill, was a well-known farmer of Canterbury. The father was also a farmer, and largely interested in lumber. He was a Captain in the militia. His wife was the widow of John Kimball, and his children were: George P., who married Abbie Emery; and Milo S., the subject of this sketch. He died April 6, 1893.

Mr. Morrill received a common-school education. He lived at home, taking care of his parents on the old farm. Upon the death of his father he was left a sixth-interest in the homestead. Three years after he purchased the rest of the estate. The buildings on the property, which contains about five hundred acres, were erected by his father and grandfather. He also stocks a steam-mill located near his house, and where he employs a number of men. Though he is a general farmer and does a small dairy business, the largest part of his income is derived from the lumber business, in which he is extensively engaged. He has never married. His nephew, Charles E. Morrill, with his wife Ida Marsh Morrill, lives with him and helps to carry on the farm. Mr. Morrill is a member of the Free Baptist church. A supporter of the Republican party in politics, he is no office-seeker. It is well known that he has worked hard for the success which has been his, and he is accordingly respected throughout the township and county.

JOHN STEVENS KIMBALL, an influential resident of Hopkinton, born in Boston, July 31, 1845, is a son of John Shackford and Mary (Stevens) Kimball, of whom an account will be found on another page. He was educated at the Phillips Grammar School in Boston, at Hopkinton Academy, and at Taghconic Institute, Lanesboro, Mass. The old Hopkinton Academy, under the principalship of Professor Dyer Sanborn, the author of Sanborn's Grammar, was quite a famous institution. Among its students who afterward became famous were Benjamin F. Butler, Salmon P. Chase, and Grace Fletcher. Grace Fletcher became the wife of Daniel Webster.

When he was but fourteen years of age, he began to earn his living in the employment of J. C. Converse & Co., Boston, Mass. Subsequently he worked for George S. Winslow & Co. In 1861 he went to Burlington, Ia., where he was employed by his father in the business conducted by J. S. Kimball & Co. In 1866–67 he was second in charge of the notion or smallwares department of George Bliss & Co., of New York City. From 1867 to 1869 he was a member of the firm of Parker, Bacon, Kimball & Co., wholesale dry-goods dealers of Boston. In 1869, with his brother, Robert R. Kimball, he entered the smallwares and hosiery trade, under the style of Kimball & Co., locating in Winthrop Square, Boston. They were burned out in the great fire of 1872, which laid waste a large portion of Boston, losing one-half the stock and some of the light insurance they had on it through companies that failed. Mr. Kimball, however, was not to be defeated. Soon after, going with George H. Pearl & Co., dry-goods commission merchants, he gradually recovered himself financially. In 1875 he came to Hopkinton, and here engaged in business with the stock of the two or three stores he and his brother had in Boston. This venture was carried on prosperously for six or eight years. In 1879 Mr. Kimball was elected Registrar of Deeds, in which capacity he served till 1881. In that period he arranged the index that has been in constant use since. He was sent to the legislature in 1883 to represent Hopkinton, and was Chairman of the Committee on Elections. In politics a Republican, he takes

an active interest in affairs. He has been Secretary of the Hopkinton Republican Club for twenty-five years; and he has long been a prominent figure in both State and county conventions, often serving on committees.

In 1878, December 3, Mr. Kimball married Clara French, a daughter of Reuben E. and Sarah (Chase) French, of Hopkinton. She died November 19, 1879. Her sister, Margaret A. French, became his second wife November 7, 1888. There was one son by the first marriage, John Prescott Kimball, now a young man of seventeen and a student at Holderness. Harold Chase Kimball was born of the second marriage. The present Mrs. Kimball is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Kimball, though a member of Mount Lebanon Lodge of Masons in Boston, is not especially devoted to lodge affairs. He is deeply interested in local institutions, such as the Free Library, the New Hampshire and the Antiquarian Society. He has served for several years as Trial Justice of the Peace, and in very many ways has been a public benefactor to this town. His residence in Hopkinton is one of the most beautiful in that section.

DAVID F. DUDLEY, a prominent lawyer of Concord, was born in China, Me., October 17, 1857, son of Matthew F. and Patience A. (Hutchins) Dudley. John Dudley, his grandfather, was a native of Kennebec County, where he passed the greater part of his life in farming. The maiden name of John's wife was Eunice Winslow.

Matthew F. Dudley, also a native of China, Me., was a farmer in that town, and died there when he was forty-eight years old. He married Patience A. Hutchins, daughter of James Hutchins, and had a family of three children. These were: Charles E., who died when sixteen years of age; Cynthia J., now deceased, who married John R. Meader, and had three children; and David F., the subject of this sketch.

When a boy David F. Dudley attended the schools of Saco and Biddeford for a time. After his father's death his mother married again; and he removed to New Market, N.H. After graduating from Pembroke Academy in the class of 1879, he spent some time in the occupation of school teacher. Having chosen the law for his profession in life, he subsequently entered the office of Leach & Stevens, where he remained three years. In August, 1883, he was admitted to the Merrimack County bar, and began the practice of law in Concord, where he has since been actively engaged in his profession. Having won the confidence and good will of his fellow-townsmen, he was elected to the City Council in 1884 and 1889, and to the Board of Aldermen in 1894. In politics he is a Republican, and he cast his first Presidential vote for General Garfield in 1880. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Order of Odd Fellows of Concord. He married Blanche L. Fowler, daughter of Trueworthy L. and Catherine L. Sargent; and he has four children — Gale, Trueworthy F., Roy, and Ethel May. They have a charming residence at Penacook.

RUFUS HALL, a representative resident of Grantham, was born in this town, March 18, 1844, son of Adolphus and Sally (Leavitt) Hall. The family is descended from Edward Hall, who came from England in 1636, and settled in Duxbury, Mass., then under the control of the Plymouth Company. Edward lived in different places in Massachusetts, and was one of the sturdy

pioneers of "ye olden tyme" who laid the foundations of the nation. Abijah Hall, great-grandfather of Rufus Hall, who was born in June, 1754, lost his life by drowning in 1812. He lived in Croydon, his father being the first of the name in that town. Abijah's son, Amasa, born in Croydon, February 17, 1789, died August 23, 1869. Amasa, a prosperous farmer, was extensively engaged in sheep raising. He fought in the War of 1812, and represented Croydon in the legislature in 1824 and 1825. In 1829 he moved to Grantham, where he was the first of the name to settle. He served the town in the office of Selectman for eight years, represented it in General Court in 1832, 1834, 1835, and 1836, and was Commissioner for Sullivan County in 1841. As a business man he was noted for energy and enterprise. He married Rebecca Lamson Melendy, and had a family of three children — Rufus, Sally, and Adolphus. Rufus, born in Croydon, October 3, 1813, died January 13, 1821. Sally R., born January 1, 1816, married Converse Smith, of Plainfield.

Adolphus Hall, father of Rufus, was born at Croydon, December 7, 1811, and died October 12, 1876. He worked with his father on the home farm as long as the latter lived, and upon his death took the farm under his own management. He became one of the most influential men of the town, and occupied almost every position in its public service. From 1859 to 1862 he was Selectman; in 1860 and 1861, legislative Representative; in 1865 and 1866, Treasurer of Sullivan County. During three years he was County Commissioner, and he was serving in that office and in the capacity of Selectman at the time of his death. In religion he favored Methodism. His wife, Sally, who was born in 1810, died in 1875. Their two children were: Rufus and Eloisa. The latter, born in Grantham, July 7, 1848, was twice married. Her first husband was Jesse Morse, of this town, a lumber dealer. By this marriage she had two children — Blanche and Zella. Her second hubsand was William H. Howard, a farmer and one of the Selectmen. She has borne him one child.

After leaving school, Rufus Hall worked on his father's farm and assisted also in the large general store his father at that time owned. At the end of three years he bought the store from his father, and afterward managed it successfully for six years. He then engaged in farming for a number of years. Also, in company with his father, he bought a lumber and grist mill, which was operated until the death of the elder Mr. Hall. From that time until 1882 Mr. Rufus Hall conducted a farm. He was engaged in general trade at Croydon from 1882 to 1891, since which time he has farmed. Also, after that time, he was employed in the capacity of salesman for four years. For a number of years he was a Director of the First National Bank at Newport. Mr. Hall has worthily sustained the family traditions by filling most creditably the various public offices intrusted to him by his townsmen. He was elected Town Clerk in 1869, this being his first town office, and held the position until 1883. In 1882 he was sent to the legislature, serving two years, and being appointed on the Committee on Elections. He has been Selectman a number of times, and Town Moderator for several years, holding the last-named position at the present time. Much interested in the Patrons of Husbandry, he is an esteemed member of the local grange.

Mr. Hall married Francina D. Smith, who was born December 13, 1844, daughter of William P. Smith, of Springfield. She is a lady of culture and of fine musical taste. After receiving her education in Colby Acad-

emy of New London, she followed the profession of teacher very successfully for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have four children: Leon A., Villa E., Earl R., and Ralph A. Leon, born June 4, 1869, at Grantham, was educated at Colby Academy. He was for a time employed in the manufacture of Barton's Sarsaparilla and Blood Purifier. At present he has a position in F. O. White's grocery store in Boston. He married Jessie M. Blossom, and has one child — Charlotte May, born February 5, 1897. Villa E., born August 17, 1874, graduated at Colby Academy, and is now studying medicine at Herkimer, N.Y. Earl R., born May 10, 1876, was educated in the town schools of Tilton, and then studied dentistry with Silver Brothers, of Boscawen, N.H. Ralph A., born August 22, 1879, is a pupil in the town schools.

GILES WHEELER, who has superintended the construction of several public buildings in Concord, was born in this city, August 7, 1834, son of Captain Benjamin and Eliza (Ordway) Wheeler. His grandfather, Benjamin Wheeler, son of Daniel Wheeler and a native of Hollis, N.H., in his earlier years was a miller in Bedford, Mass. Benjamin settled in Concord in 1802, on the farm formerly known as the Towle place, which he bought of Ebenezer Dustin. He followed agriculture for the rest of his active period, and died in December, 1848. He assisted in hauling the stone for the erection of the State House and the old prison buildings. His first wife, in maidenhood Mary Fitch, a native of Bedford, Mass., and a relative of John Fitch, the founder of the city of Fitchburg, Mass., reared two children — Benjamin Wheeler, Jr., and Mary.

Captain Benjamin Wheeler, who was born in Woburn, Mass., and accompanied his parents to Concord, succeeded to the homestead, and was an energetic and prosperous farmer. He was drafted during the War of 1812, and afterward became a Captain in the State militia. His death occurred June 4, 1870. His wife, Eliza, who was a daughter of Giles and Elizabeth (Webster) Ordway, became the mother of four children, namely: John C., who died in 1895; Giles, the subject of this sketch; Isaac F., who married Harriet E. Ordway; and Albert F., who died in childhood.

Giles Wheeler was educated in the public and private schools of Concord. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for sixteen years. From 1860 to 1864 he was engaged in the manufacture of soldier's writing cases in Plymouth, Mass. During the Civil War he was drafted in Massachusetts and New Hampshire at the same time, and furnished a substitute for New Hampshire in the person of William Gilson, a native of Pelham, N.H., who was captured by the Confederates, June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor, paroled March 10, 1865, and died at Annapolis, Md., March 22, 1865. After relinquishing his trade, Mr. Wheeler entered the business of architect in partnership with Edward Dow, a connection that lasted until 1885. He was appointed by Daniel R. Manning, Secretary of the Treasury, to superintend the erection of the Concord post-office. He acted in a similar capacity in the erection of the State library. He was building agent in connection with the High and Kimball Schools, the Statesman Building, and the Pillsbury Hospital and Library; and he was a member of the committee selected to superintend the erection of the Soldiers' Arch. He has been a member of the Police Commission and its clerk since the establishment of

the board. In the capacity of Justice of the Peace for the past twenty years he has been engaged in the settlement of many estates.

Mr. Wheeler married Sarah W. Abbott, a daughter of Charles Abbott and a descendant of one of the first families to settle in this section. He is connected with the Order of the Golden Cross, and is a member of the Unitarian society. In politics he is a Democrat, and he cast his first Presidential vote for James Buchanan in 1856, and voted for Stephen A. Douglas in 1860.

JOHN V. GUNNISON, the popular High Sheriff of Sullivan County, son of Vinal and Eliza (Baker) Gunnison, was born in Goshen, N.H., on February 27, 1837. Ephraim Gunnison, father of Vinal, was a pioneer settler of Goshen, where he cleared the wild land by the labor of his hands. A hard worker and a man of great vitality, he lived to be eighty-five years old. His wife, Deborah, died at eighty-seven years of age. He was a Methodist Episcopal in religion, a Democrat in politics.

Their son Vinal was the fifth son in a family of seven children. He followed farming all his life on the old farm on which he was born. It was a large farm of about six hundred acres, and came to be one of the best in Goshen. He died at the age of sixty in the year 1858. His wife died in 1873, at the age of seventy-two years. They were attendants of the Congregational church. Vinal Gunnison was always a Whig. He held several town offices, among them that of Selectman and Overseer of the Poor. Of his seven children three are now deceased — Marian, Arvin Nye, and Amos B. The survivors are: Mrs. Sarah Ann Brickett, who lives in Mendota, Ill.; Eliza Chandler, who lives in Salem, Ore.; John V.; and Horace B., who lives in Phillipsville, Cal.

John V., the third son, lived at home with his parents in Goshen until he went away to school, his educational course being completed in the academies at Meriden and New London, N.H. He subsequently engaged in farming and lumbering on the old homestead, dealing largely in stock and running a steam saw-mill. In 1888 he removed to Newport, though he still owns the old place and keeps there about twenty cows for milk. In Newport he deals in horses, carriages, and sleighs. He was elected to his present office of High Sheriff in 1894, and was re-elected in 1896.

He married January 16, 1867, Angie Carr, who was born in Hillsborough, N.H., September 12, 1846, daughter of Robert and Claora (Goodale) Carr. Her grandfather, the first Robert Carr, was one of the early settlers of the place; and her father followed agriculture on the old farm, where he spent his whole life. She has two brothers and four sisters, all living. Her brother, Elisha Hatch Carr, is a prominent business man of Newport, N.H.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunnison have had four children, three of whom are living — Belle, Sadie H., Claora A., and Alice M. Belle Gunnison, born in Goshen, N.H., December 30, 1868, was educated at the town schools of Goshen and Newport, N.H. After completing her course of study, she taught school for a while, and was considered a successful instructor and good disciplinarian. Since then she has been a valuable assistant in the post-office at Newport, N.H., having now held the position for eight years. Sadie H. was born in Goshen, June 9, 1870. After graduating from the high school of Newport, N.H., she taught school three years, for which work she seemed well fitted, and, like her sister, was considered a successful teacher. She then entered upon

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the duties of her present position of Manager of the Telephone Exchange, Newport, N.H. Claora A., born in Goshen, December 27, 1873, attended the schools of Goshen and Newport, also the Bradford Female Seminary, Bradford, Mass.; and, having finished her preparatory studies, she entered the schoolroom as an instructor, and is now an assistant teacher in the Newport High School. Alice M., born in Goshen, April 11, 1877, died May 30, 1895. She was a very bright and promising young lady, and was an attendant of the high school at Newport, when that dreaded disease, typhoid fever, took her away in the bud of womanhood.

Mrs. Gunnison and her daughters are members of the Congregational church, where Mr. Gunnison also attends divine service. A Republican in politics, he held the office of County Commissioner in 1872, 1873, and 1874; and in 1885 he was Representative to the General Court. He is a member of Mount Vernon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Newport; a Royal Arch Mason; a Knight Templar; and also a member of Sugar River Grange, P. of H., at Newport. Mr. Gunnison is a successful farmer and trader, well versed in horse flesh. He has been a very active man, and has made his own way in the world.

SAMUEL H. EDES, a retired lawyer of the village of Newport, was born here, March 31, 1825, son of Amasa and Sarah (Hart) Edes. Samuel Edes, his grandfather, was an early settler of Antrim, N.H., an active farmer and a Revolutionary soldier. Samuel's life was mainly spent in Peterboro, N.H., where he died at the remarkable age of one hundred years. He had nine children. Amasa Edes was born about the year 1792. Having graduated from Dartmouth in 1817, he came in 1823 to Newport, where he subsequently practised law for a period extending over sixty years. He was successful in his profession, and he represented his town for a time in the legislature. In religous belief he was a Unitarian; in politics, a Democrat. He died in October of the year 1883, his wife having died October 8, 1869, at the age of seventy-four years and three months. They had two children — Joseph W. and Samuel H. Joseph died at the age of five.

Samuel H. Edes was educated in the Meriden Academy and at Dartmouth, his father's Alma Mater, graduating in 1844. He at once began to read law with his father, and was admitted to the Sullivan County bar in 1852. He practised until the year 1875 in the town of Newport. At different times he was engaged in farming, dealt in real estate, and was interested in woollen mills. In 1869 he started the mercantile business to-day carried on by his son. In 1856 Mr. Edes was instrumental in bringing the aqueduct water here. At first it was conveyed by a wooden aqueduct, but this in 1862 was changed for one of cement and iron. He owns the building known as Eagle Block, which was remodelled in 1856. He has owned land in Newport on which seventy buildings now stand.

On December 30, 1847, Mr. Edes married Julia A. Nourse, who was born in Acworth, N.H., October 18, 1827, daughter of Daniel Nourse and Margaret (Wilson) Nourse. Of their four children one died in infancy. The others were: Willie A., George C., and Marcia J. Willie, born in 1854, died at the age of eighteen years. George C. Edes, born April 23, 1849, lives in Newport, where he is a dealer in dry goods. He married November 10, 1873, Elizabeth M. Dennahan, who, born February 28, 1854, died September

12, 1896. They had four children, of whom Elizabeth J., born April 3, 1876, died September 16, 1893. The others are: Frank W., born in 1874, who is a clerk in his father's store; Samuel W., born November 9, 1881; and George L., born November 11, 1889. George C. Edes is a Democrat, has been Town Clerk and Supervisor, and is a member of the Mount Vernon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and of Sullivan Commandery, K. T. Marcia J. Edes, the youngest child of Samuel H. Edes, was born in 1859, and resides in Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Edes attend the Congregational church, of which the wife is a member. He is a Democrat, and has held office as legislative Representative and County Solicitor. He served in the latter capacity for two terms. He has been Justice of the Peace since 1852. Always interested in educational matters, he was influential in making the important change from district to high schools in the village. Mr. Edes and his wife, who have been married nearly fifty years, are one of the oldest couples in the village. Mr. Edes is active and vigorous, and, with his wealth and influence, is regarded as one of the important members of the community.

MRS. MIRIAM STRAW EMERSON FOGG, widow of the late Sherburne Fogg, of West Hopkinton, and daughter of John Jones and Elizabeth (Straw) Emerson, was born on the farm where she now lives, November 20, 1821. She is a descendant of a prominent pioneer family of Hopkinton, her great-grandfather, Timothy Emerson, having been the original settler on Clement's Hill. Timothy Emerson was very active in local affairs, doing much to advance the interests of the little town, among other things donating the land for the cemetery in which his body was laid to rest after his death, March 22, 1826, at the venerable age of eighty-six years. He was twice married. His first wife, who was without doubt an Ober, bore him two daughters and one son. The latter was John Ober Emerson, Mrs. Fogg's grandfather. His children by his second wife, Mary, were: Collins, Day, Benjamin, and Rachel. Day died November 1, 1841, at the age of fifty-two years, and was buried in the family lot. The mother, who survived the father, died October 29, 1833, aged eighty-one years.

John Ober Emerson was born on Clement's Hill in Hopkinton, June 6, 1770. After his marriage with Mary Jones he settled on the present homestead, which extends along the Contoocook River, the house being beautifully located on the banks of the stream. Mary Jones was born August 14, 1769, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Gordon) Jones. Her father died July 10, 1815, aged sixty-seven years; and her mother April 15, 1838, at the age of eighty-eight. John Ober Emerson and his wife became the parents of six children, namely: Philip, born in 1792, who lived but four years; Moses, born January 20, 1794, who died at the age of two years; John Jones, born December 25, 1795, who died February 1, 1841; Sarah Kast, born March 25, 1798, who died in 1823, aged twenty-five years; Micah George J., born July 21, 1801, who has not been heard from since he started for Troy, N.Y., in 1832; and Jane Greeley, born July 13, 1807, who married Daniel Hardy, of Warner, N.H., and died in August, 1882. After long and useful lives the father died in 1842, aged seventy-two years, and the mother, December 6, 1856, in her eighty-eighth year. Of the latter an interesting anecdote is narrated in the History of Hopkinton by C. C.

Lord. On a Sunday morning in the early spring a party of about a dozen persons, including Mrs. John O. Emerson, crossed the frozen Contoocook River from the north side, to attend meeting at the old West Meeting-house. While at service a sudden and rapid thaw reduced the ice on the river to a number of floating fragments, which presented a formidable barrier to the party returning from church. The nearest bridge was three miles down the river, and to reach home by that way would have required at least six miles of travel, which, as the party was on foot, caused them to halt in dubious reflection. Mrs. Emerson, however, with ready courage, settled the question by prompt action. In spite of the remonstrances of her companions, she sprang upon the nearest cake of ice, and, dexterously leaping from one to another, crossed the river in safety. Her friends, who watched her progress, were not inspired to make the attempt by her example. They followed the advice conveyed by the old proverb, "The longest way round is the shortest way home," by walking to the bridge.

John Jones Emerson lived and died on the farm where his birth occurred, spending his years as a tiller of the soil. His name is among the list of Hopkinton soldiers who served in the War of 1812. He enlisted in Colonel Nathaniel Fisk's first regiment in 1814. In the old militia days he was a Captain of riflemen. He married Miss Elizabeth Straw, who, born in Hopkinton, November 23, 1793, daughter of Levi and Miriam (Jones) Straw, died January 17, 1859. His children were: Seth George, Miriam Straw, Mary Jane, Sarah Elizabeth, Andrew Jackson, and William Seneca. Seth George, born April 24, 1820, who married Sarah Goss, of Henniker, and was at one time the owner of the homestead, removed to Fort Gratiot, Mich., where he died August 1, 1864. Mary Jane, born March 22, 1823, who died February 13, 1886, was the wife of Martin E. Philips, of Henniker, N.H. Sarah Elizabeth, born September 2, 1824, married Samuel D. Clark, of Chesterfield, N.H., and died in Port Huron, Mich., November 19, 1893. Andrew Jackson, born in February, 1828, died in January, 1831. William Seneca, born May 4, 1831, who married Mary A. Andrews, of the Isle of Sheppey, England, died August 17, 1890, in Hillsborough, N.H.

Miriam Straw Emerson was married to Sherburne Fogg. He was born July 9, 1819, in Meredith (now Laconia), N.H., son of Seth and Betsey Boudon (Gile) Fogg, and grew to man's estate in Gilmanton, whither his parents removed when he was young. He was a carpenter, and from the time of his marriage until 1857 he worked at his trade in Manchester, this State. After residing for a time in Belmont, he came in 1859 to Hopkinton, purchased from his brother-in-law, Seth George Emerson, the Emerson homestead, and was subsequently engaged in agriculture until his death, which occurred June 4, 1873. Mrs. Fogg has since resided on the farm. She has had three children, namely: George Henry, who died at the age of nineteen years; Lizzie Adella; and Frank Emerson Fogg. Lizzie Adella was educated at Tilton Seminary, from which she graduated with the class of 1878. Since that time she has been engaged as a teacher in Hopkinton, making her home with her widowed mother. Frank Emerson Fogg, now an attorney-at-law in Grangeville, Idaho, completed his education at Ann Arbor, Mich., having graduated from the law department of the State University, class of 1880. He was Circuit Court Commissioner of Charlevoix County, Michigan, from 1884 to 1888, and Prosecuting Attorney

of Charlevoix County from 1888 to 1890. Removing to Idaho, he practised at Rathdrum from 1891 to 1893. Then he went to Grangeville, where he has followed his profession since. He married February 28, 1886, Eliza Ann Scroggie, of Charlevoix, Mich.; and they have four bright and interesting children—Essie V., James Sherburne, Miriam S., and William Frank.

WALTER B. MAYNARD, a farmer of Loudon, was born here, April 26, 1840, son of Asa and Lucy (Talbot) Maynard, natives respectively of Acton, Mass., and Brookline, N.H. The grandfather, Asa Maynard, who was a cooper by trade and resided in East Concord during the greater part of his life, died there at the residence of his daughter, August 1, 1866, aged ninety-four years. The maternal grandfather, Ezra Talbot, of Stoughton, Mass., born January 20, 1773, resided successively in Brookline and Loudon, and married Abigail Belcher. He died in Loudon in November, 1853; and his wife died in Brookline, June 21, 1832.

Asa Maynard, Jr., the father of Walter B., was born November 10, 1801. Immediately after his marriage he settled down as a farmer on the place now owned by the present Mr. Maynard, and resided there for the rest of his life. His wife, Lucy, who was born April 5, 1808, had four children — Emily, Eliza, Walter B., and John F. Emily, born June 21, 1832, died June 21, 1851. Eliza, who was born October 30, 1836, became the wife of Augustus R. Manning, and had two children, namely: Mary F., born January 1, 1854; and Frank O., born September 28, 1861. Both Mr. and Mrs. Manning are now deceased. John F., who manufactures the well-known Plymouth gloves, born March 15, 1846, married Harriett Draper, who died. Then he married Henrietta, his deceased wife's sister, with whom he now lives in Plymouth, N.H. The father died February 8, 1848. The mother, who survived him, afterward became the wife of Gardner Batchelder, a farmer of Loudon. The latter died in September, 1860; and her death occurred in 1894, February 27. There were no children by this second marriage.

Walter B. Maynard received a common-school education. All his life has been passed on the old homestead. After his father's death he took charge of the farm. He now owns about three hundred acres in Concord and Loudon. In 1869 he considerably improved the property by erecting new buildings. He carries on general farming, raises some fruit, and makes rather a specialty of the milk business, keeping about twenty-five cows. In 1864, May 1, he married Luella C. Sanders, of Hopkinton, N.H. She was born February 26, 1843, the daughter of Reuben L. and Abigail (Locke) Sanders, both of Epsom, N.H. Mr. Sanders, who was successively a shoemaker and a farmer, died October 6, 1876. His widow, who subsequently married William K. Holt, of Concord, now deceased, still resides at the age of seventy-six in East Concord. Mr. Maynard and his wife have had six children — Frank W., Harry E., Roy F., George S., Warren S., and Roy W. Frank W., born March 4, 1866, was married December 25, 1889, to Nancy B. Cate, of Loudon. He died September 12, 1896; and his widow now lives with her father-in-law, the subject of this sketch. She has had three children — Walter Edward, John W., and Harriet E. Harriet died September 27, 1896. Harry E., born March 1, 1869, is at home with his parents. Roy F., born December 23, 1871, died April 22, 1877. George S.,

who was born October 20, 1874, lives at home. Warren S., born May 25, 1880, died February 4, 1881. Roy W., born August 27, 1882, is also with his parents. Mr. Maynard, who has never been an office-seeker, is a Republican in politics, and has invariably given that party his support. He is an attendant at the East Concord Congregational Church. Throughout his life he has been a hard-working man, earning well the prosperity he now enjoys.

FRANCIS L. QUIMBY, a Selectman and a thriving farmer of Unity, was born in this town, December 25, 1827, son of Benjamin Quimby (second) and Percis (Gee) Quimby. His grandfather, Benjamin Quimby (first), the first of the family to settle in Unity, was engaged in agriculture here for the rest of his life. The maiden name of the grandfather's wife was Otis. Benjamin Quimby (second), born in Unity in the year 1800, tilled the soil with success during his active years; and his death occurred in the spring of 1859. Percis Gee, his wife, who was a native of Marlow, N.H., became the mother of four children — Milan W., Francis L., Melissa D., and Wilbur B. Milan W., who is a prosperous farmer of Claremont, N.H., married Lucy A. Neal, of Unity. Melissa D., who married Ezra G. Johnson, of Unity, died in 1892. He died in 1896. Wilbur B., who is carrying on a farm in Cornish, N.H., married Lucinda Marshall, of this town. Mrs. Benjamin Quimby (second) died in June, 1870.

Francis L. Quimby was educated in the district schools and at the Milo Academy. At a very early age he began to assist his father upon the farm. Since succeeding to its possession he has managed it ably and with excellent results. Considerably interested in the raising of stock, he has the reputation of having produced many valuable specimens. Politically, he is a Republican; and he has served for four years upon the Board of Selectmen. On May 22, 1849, he was joined in marriage with Lydia Johnson. She was born in Unity, June 8, 1825, daughter of Amos and Huldah (Green) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Wears, N.H. Amos Johnson settled near the locality in this town called the Quaker City, and there followed the shoemaker's trade, and was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1856. His wife died in 1863. They were the parents of eight children; namely, Moses, Enoch, Hannah, Ezra, Lydia, Almeda, Elmira, and Annie.

Mr. and Mrs. Quimby have six children, as follows: Irving W., Adella L., George E., Lewis J., the Rev. Herbert F., and Emerson A. Irving W. married Josie Reed, of Acworth, N.H., and is engaged in farming in Unity. Adella L. is the wife of John M. Howe, a merchant in Claremont. George E., now in the dry-goods business in Decatur, Ill., married Lillian Davis, of Waltham, Mass. Lewis J., who wedded Martha Dow, of Cornish, N.H., is a grocer in Claremont. The Rev. Herbert F. Quimby pursued his theological studies in Burlington, Vt., and at Boston, graduating in each place, and is now a Methodist minister in Moultonboro, N.H. He married for his first wife Eva M. Hodgman, of Mason, N.H., and for his second Jennie Elliot, of Reed's Ferry, N.H. Emerson A., who is in the grocery business with his brother in Claremont, married Jennie A. Perry, of North Charlestown, N.H. Mr. Quimby, Sr., has been a member of Unity Grange, No. 230, Patrons of Husbandry, since its organization. Both he and Mrs. Quimby are members of the West Unity Methodist

Episcopal Church. He serves the society as steward, trustee, and collector; while Mrs. Quimby is a teacher in the Sunday-school.

HORACE J. CHASE, one of the leading business men of Hopkinton and a son of Enoch J. and Sarah (Holmes) Chase, was born on Clement Hill, Hopkinton, October 11, 1825. His grandfather, Enoch Chase, came here from Portland, Me., and was for many years Selectman and Collector of Taxes. The account book used by Enoch is now in the possession of his grandson, Horace J. Chase. His son, Enoch J. Chase, was born in Hopkinton. In his early life he was a shoemaker and a cooper. At a later date he built a mill on his farm, and went into the lumber business. He also built some lumber-mills in Wilmot, but sold them after a short time. Both in lumbering and farming he was quite successful. Five hundred acres of his farm land, which was bought for five dollars an acre, afterward sold for one hundred dollars an acre. The last years of his life were spent with his son Horace; and he died in St. Johnsbury, Vt., at the age of seventy-eight, while on a visit to one of his daughters. He was married twice. His first wife was Sarah Holmes Chase, a daughter of Dr. Holmes, of New York. They had four children — Lucinda, Mary Jane, Harvey, and Horace J. Harvey now carries on the old farm. Both Lucinda and Mary Jane are deceased. By his second wife, Nancy, who came from Salisbury, his children were: Nancy, George W., Melvida, and Melinda. Melinda died in childhood, and George is now in California.

Horace J. Chase, when a young man, lived at home with his father and helped him with the lumber business. Before he was twenty years old, he drove a five-horse team into Vermont, carrying freight. Then for three or four years he was a conductor on a freight train to Boston on the Claremont Railroad. Subsequently the manager assigned him to the business of buying lumber for the use of the road. He remained in this position for three years, making higher wages than any other employee of the road. In 1852 he bought an old tannery in Hopkinton, built by Thomas Cass, that was burned down soon after. Eight years later he erected the present buildings which are now landmarks in the town. He has been in the tanning business now for over forty years. In the early days, when the work was done by hand, he used to employ as many as eight or ten men at a time. Now he uses the best of modern machinery. He has put in an engine, so that the mill may be run either by steam or water. His entire product has always been consumed by two firms in Concord, namely: Abbott & Downing, coach builders; and James I. Hill & Co., harness makers. He has always followed the old-fashioned processes of tanning, using cold liquors and no chemicals. His produce commands the best prices in the market, sometimes six cents more per pound than that of other tanneries. He has constantly supervised the work in person, doing some of the special parts with his own hands. In addition to this his main industry, he carries on a large farm containing about two hundred acres of fine farm and timber land. This year he shipped over two hundred and forty barrels of apples to St. Johnsbury, Vt. He owns the Colby saw-mills, where he has several acres of good timber land, also the Highland House in Contoocook, which he has remodelled, making several additions. At one time he owned the lumber-mills in Wilmot which his father bought. Mr. Chase has

served the community as Selectman. The water service at Hopkinton was put in under his supervision. He has always been a Democrat in politics, as his father and grandfather were before him.

On January 8, 1850, while in the employ of the Claremont Railroad, he married Mary Ann Dodge, a daughter of Stillman and Mary (Highland) Dodge, both of Wenham, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Chase have had five children, of whom one died in infancy. The others were: Frank S., Edward E., Horace Sumner, and Willard Hamilton. Edward E. is now engaged in the ice business in Hopkinton. Horace Sumner is the proprietor of the St. Johnsbury House, Vermont. Willard Hamilton was accidentally drowned at the age of four. Frank S. was employed on the N. Y., N. H. & H. R.R. as engineer for several years, during which time he never had an accident. On December 16, 1886, while looking back at his train from the engine steps, he was struck on the head by a pole and instantly killed. Mr. Chase is a jovial, good-natured man; and, although considerably advanced in years now, he still shows the outlines of a powerful physique. He is much respected in his native town, both for his business integrity and for his public spirit.

CHARLES SUMNER HALL, the junior member of the firm Silver & Hall, general merchants of Gossville, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Epsom, N.H., June 3, 1854, son of John C. and Martha E. (Rand) Hall, late of Epsom. The father, a native of Lee, N.H., was born January 26, 1806. In early life he came to Epsom and followed the trade of a carpenter here for some time. Later he opened a store, becoming a prosperous merchant; and he also conducted a large farm. Politically, he was in his later years a Republican; and he took an earnest interest in public affairs. He died at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife, Martha, was born February 25, 1813, daughter of Stephen Rand, of Chichester. She became the mother of nine children — Sarah E., Martha E., James W., Amanda S., John H., Deborah, Georgia A., Luther T., and Charles S. Sarah E., born May 28, 1833, married James K. Taylor, of Neponset, Mass., and her children are: Ella, Mattie, Alberto, and Maud. Martha E., born June 3, 1834, is the wife of J. M. Emery, of Suncook, in the town of Pembroke, N.H., and has two daughters — Anna and Hattie. James W., born November 13, 1837, married Sarah Emery, of Suncook. Amanda was born September 1, 1839. John H., born March 19, 1842, married Nellie Farnham, of Great Falls (now Somersworth), N.H.; and his children are: Bert, John, George, and Alice. Deborah, born May 5, 1845, is now the wife of F. G. Stebbins, of Adrian, Mich. Georgia A., born November 10, 1848, and now deceased, first married William Desilets, who died leaving one daughter, Katherine. A second marriage united her to Charles Chapin, of Worcester, Mass., who has legally adopted her daughter by her first husband. Luther T. was born September 8, 1851. Mrs. John C. Hall died at the age of sixty-three years. She and her husband were members of the Free Will Baptist church.

Charles Sumner Hall attended school in his native town, and completed his studies with a commercial course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College in Manchester, N.H. After leaving school, he engaged in mercantile pursuits with his father, and remained with him for several years. In 1883 he became associated with his present partner in business.

Messrs. Silver & Hall, of Gossville, are widely and favorably known as enterprising and successful merchants. The junior partner owns a large farm containing five hundred acres, seventy-five acres of which are under cultivation. He ranks high among the foremost agriculturists of this section.

On December 11, 1876, Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Ellen M. Dolbeer, daughter of Calvin Dolbeer, of Epsom. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have no children. In politics Mr. Hall is a Republican. For many years he served as Town Clerk, and was elected a Representative to the legislature in 1889. He is Secretary of Evergreen Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F., of Short Falls, and is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry of Epsom. He is one of the successful men of this locality, and his upright character and business integrity are highly spoken of by his fellow-townsmen. Both he and Mrs. Hall are members of the Free Will Baptist church.

LEVI A. SMITH, one of Unity's representative farmers, was born in this town, August 13, 1843, son of Joseph G. and Elizabeth (Young) Smith. The father, born October 24, 1797, was a prosperous farmer throughout the active period of his life, owning the farm which his son now occupies, and died May 3, 1882. His first marriage was contracted with Lucy Howe, who, born in Acworth, N.H., August 14, 1799, died December 9, 1833. His second wife, Elizabeth Young Smith, who was born September 14, 1812, died in May, 1888. He had sixteen children, nine by his first union and seven by his second. Those of his first wife were born as follows: Lineas S., November 7, 1820; Sidney, January 10, 1822; Joseph G., May 4, 1823; Alonzo A., December 2, 1824; Jefferson, August 5, 1826; Thomas J., April 17, 1828; David L., August 12, 1829; Lucy Ann, May 2, 1831; and George W. A., September 28, 1832. Of the children by his second marriage two died in infancy. The others were: Izanna E., born May 31, 1838, and residing in Goshen, who is now the widow of Dr. Wheeler, formerly a prominent physician of Goshen; Emily M., born September 1, 1840, who married Edward Gates, a native of Gilson, and resides with him in Gardner, Mass.; Levi A., the subject of this sketch; Freeman H., born December 16, 1844, who died February 25, 1846; James F., born November 23, 1848, now a chair manufacturer in Gardner, Mass., who married Della Gates, of Gardner.

Levi A. Smith attended school in Unity, and assisted upon the home farm until after his first marriage. He then settled upon a farm in the northern part of the town, and tilled the soil industriously for eighteen years. After the death of his father he returned to the homestead, and has since resided there. He owns one hundred and fifty acres of well-improved land. He has the reputation of a capable and successful general farmer. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, and he served with ability as a Selectman for three years. He has carried the United States mail between Unity and Charlestown since 1872. He is a member of the Advent church.

On September 15, 1864, Mr. Smith married Abbie E. Johnson, daughter of Edward and Mary (Marshall) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Unity. She died in June, 1887. Of that union were born four children, namely: Freeman J., on September 16, 1867, who is no longer living; Fred L., November 4, 1868, who is a prosperous farmer of Unity; Arthur W., May 30, 1877, who is still under the parental roof-tree; and Listina E., Au-

gust 28, 1880, also residing at home. Fred L. Smith married Anna Walker, and has two children — Elvis C. and Arthur W. On January 1, 1891, Mr. Smith, Sr., wedded for his second wife Emma Davis, who was born in Unity, December 5, 1861, daughter of Samuel Davis. By this marriage there are no children.

EDGERTON RAYMOND, a well-known resident of Boscawen, was born December 3, 1841, in Concord, N.H., son of Thomas P. and Permelia (Derby) Raymond, both natives of Vershire, Vt. His grandfather, Captain Liberty Raymond, of the Vermont militia, was a large land-owner and a prominent man in the latter town. Captain Raymond died at Vershire, and his wife, Mary, at Quechee, Vt. Their children were: Thomas, Lyman, and Liberty, all now deceased. The last named became a well-known builder and real estate dealer in Manchester, where he erected several large structures. He was also a pioneer of the shoe business, in which he was engaged at the time of his death.

Thomas P. Raymond was a tanner and currier, and lived in Concord till April, 1845. His wife died about that time; and he then moved to Hopkinton, N.H. By a second marriage he was united to Nancy Stone, of Canada. Later on he came to Boscawen, where he settled on a farm, and purchased a tannery. He carried on the tannery in company with his son Edgerton until 1866. His death occurred September 22, 1879, and that of his wife in 1895. There were no children by the second marriage. Those by the first, besides a child that died in infancy, were: Lucy B., Liberty George, and Edgerton. Lucy, now living in Charlestown, Mass., married Daniel Y. Bickford, an organ manufacturer of Concord and Boston, who died April 29, 1876. Liberty enlisted in 1861 in Company E of the Seventh New Hampshire Regiment, and was killed at Fort Wagner, South Carolina, July 18, 1863. A brave soldier and a great favorite, he was the first man of his regiment to lose his life.

Edgerton Raymond received his education in the common school and in the academy at Boscawen. At the age of sixteen he went to old Salem, Mass., and worked there for a time. Then, returning to Boscawen, he finished his schooling. He next went to Manchester, and was there employed in the armory making guns during the late war. After this he worked for his uncle Liberty in his boot and shoe store in Manchester, where he remained until September, 1865. At that time he went to Syracuse, N.Y., and was in the employ of the New York Central Railroad for six months, after which he returned to Boscawen, and settled on his present farm. He and his brother-in-law were also engaged in the tannery business until fire destroyed their plant in October, 1870. He rebuilt the tannery in 1871, and afterward conducted it alone until 1885. On his farm of forty acres, which he has much improved by the erection of new buildings, he carries on general farming.

In 1869, October 20, Mr. Raymond married Ellen F. Raymond, his cousin. She came from Manchester, and was a daughter of Liberty and Almina (Smith) Raymond. Her father, who was a merchant, after the death of his first wife married Mary P. Putney, who belonged to a prominent Manchester family, and now resides in Contoocook. The children of Edgerton Raymond are: Jessie P., born August 16, 1870; Lucy May, born February 14, 1874; and George Albert, born June 14, 1878. Lucy teaches stenography, and is now

superintendent of that department in a business college in Lebanon, Pa. Since his marriage Mr. Raymond has resided on the farm with the exception of one year, during which he was in Boscawen Plains. He has been a member of the School Board and the Auditor of the town, and he is now Selectman. His vote has always been thrown for the Republican party, whose principles he strongly upholds. He is a member of the Knights of Honor, Kearsarge Lodge, No. 276, of Penacook. Both he and his wife are members of the First Congregational Church, and he is a Deacon of the society. The Raymonds rank with the leading families of Boscawen.

JOHN A. McCLURE, a successful farmer of Boscawen, was born here, October 22, 1822, son of John and Sallie (Potter) McClure, his father being from Exeter, N.H., and his mother from Pittsfield, N.H. His grandfather, James McClure, was an Adjutant-general in the Revolutionary War, but subsequently went to Dublin, Ireland, where he died. The father, a sea captain, sailed from East India and other places. Later he moved to Springfield, N.H., and then came to Boscawen. Here he settled on a farm, which was his place of residence, and lived there until his death in March, 1869, at the age of eighty-five years. His wife survived him until 1879, being ninety years of age at the time of her death. They had three children — Louisa L., John A., and Mary. Louisa, who married W. W. Kilbourne, died January 25, 1897. Mary is the widow of John L. Sargent, and resides in Gilmanton, N.H.

John A. McClure received only a common-school education. In 1877 he moved to his present estate of about one hundred acres, known as the old Flanders farm, which he has since made his home. Since then he has made several improvements on the place, including the erection of substantial buildings. He also owns the old homestead on High Street in Boscawen, where his son lives, containing about one hundred and fifty acres. An industrious man, he carries on general farming very successfully.

In 1849 Mr. McClure married Phœbe C. Stone, of Webster, daughter of Peter and Ruth (Call) Stone. Her parents, who resided in Webster on a farm, are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McClure had four children, born as follows: Edwin P., in July, 1850; Addie V., August 18, 1853; Alice P., November 6, 1855; and Charles J., March 2, 1858. Edwin is now at home with his father; Addie V. is the wife of Richmond Simpson, and lives in Webster; Alice P. is the wife of John W. Ford, of Ford & Co., foundrymen at Concord, N.H.; and Charles J., who married Mary Esther Shepherd, now lives on the old McClure homestead in Boscawen, and is the father of two children — Lillian F. and Phœbe Stone. Mrs. Phœbe C. McClure died July 20, 1864.

Mr. McClure contracted a second marriage on March 5, 1871, with Susan W. Moore, of Canterbury, N.H. She was born January 22, 1837, daughter of John S. Moore, a farmer and lumber dealer of Canterbury, N.H. Her mother, Lucinda French Moore, also of Canterbury, died in 1849, after which Mr. Moore entered a second marriage with Hannah Dow, of Concord, who died in 1891. Mr. Moore died in 1870. His children by the first marriage were: Clara H., Charles H., Albert Ames, Sabrina C., Sylvester F., Susan W., Lucinda F., and Eliza T. Eliza T., the widow of Deacon Sewell, is now a teacher in Farmington, Me. With the exception of Mrs.

McClure, all the others are deceased. Sabrina died at the age of twenty-two; Sylvester, aged fifty-three years; and Lucinda, aged twenty-eight. Born of the second marriage were two children — Hannah and John H. Hannah died in 1854, at the age of four years. John H., now a resident of Penacook, married Isabella B. Blackington, and is a travelling salesman for a firm in Dover, N.H.

Mr. McClure's only child by his second marriage, Sarah E., born September 28, 1875, having completed the course of the training school in Concord, is now a teacher in that city. The present Mrs. McClure and two of her stepsons are members of the Congregational church in Boscawen. The daughter residing in Concord is a member of the Methodist church in that city. In politics Mr. McClure is a Democrat, and has invariably voted with that party. He has been a hard-working man, and has been fairly successful in his business. He is well-known and highly regarded throughout the vicinity of Boscawen.

ELISHA HATCH CARR, a well-known business man of Newport, was born in Hillsborough, November 17, 1842, son of Robert and Cleora (Goodale) Carr. The grandfather, Robert Carr, who was among the early settlers of Hillsborough, cleared his land, and became a successful farmer, living to be more than eighty years old. He fought in the war of the Revolution. Of his five children Robert, one of the elder, became the owner of the farm, spent his life there following the occupation of general farmer throughout his active period, represented his district in the State legislature, and died at the age of eighty-one years. Robert was a liberal in religion, and his wife was a Methodist. She died at the age of seventy-seven.

Their seven children, all still living, are: Robert G., who resides in Haverhill, Mass.; Cleora A. Morrill, a resident of Peterboro, N.H.; Abbie J. Hadley, of Hillsborough Bridge; Sarah J. Barker, residing in Nashua; Angeline Gunnison, residing in Newport; and Celestia M. Booth, who resides in Worcester, Mass.

Elisha H. Carr grew up in Hillsborough, where he attended the district school. In his early life he was employed as a clerk. Afterward he engaged in business for himself in East Washington, N.H., and in Goshen, N.H., keeping a general store. In 1891 he came to Newport, and opened a livery stable, which is now the leading establishment of the kind in the village. His equipment is of the best, and includes twenty-five fine horses and many stylish carriages. Mr. Carr was married October 5, 1869, to Jennie Purington. She was born in Goshen, N.H., June 4, 1845, daughter of Imri and Mary Purington. They have no children. In religious belief they are Universalists. A Republican in politics, he has held various public offices. He was for several years Town Treasurer of Goshen; its legislative Representative in 1879, 1881, and 1883; Treasurer of Sullivan County for four years; and he is the present Representative of Newport in the legislature. A Mason of prominence, he belongs to Blue Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery. His business career has been that of an active and enterprising man.

JOHN ARTHUR JONES, a farmer of Hopkinton, was born in Contoocook, N.H., April 3, 1864, son of John F. and Maria (Barnard) Jones. His grandfather was a resident of Hopkinton for the greater part of his life. John F. Jones, who was born in Hopkinton, is now a resident of Concord,

where he is Treasurer of the L. and T. Savings Bank of that city. He has been connected with this bank for a period of twelve years.

John Arthur Jones, the subject of this sketch, received his early education in the public schools of his native town and in the academy. Later he was a student at Colby Academy, New London, for a time. From New London he returned to Hopkinton, and went to his grandfather's farm, which was soon put under his management. He is the only representative of the family in the town. On the homestead, which contains about one hundred and sixty acres, he is engaged in dairying and stock-raising, having a fine herd of Guernsey cattle. His cream, of which his dairy yields a large quantity, is sold in Boston. Mr. Jones is a Democrat in his politics, while he has never held public office.

On January 19, 1887, Mr. Jones married Mabel N. Bailey, a native of Newbury and a daughter of George Bailey, then of Hopkinton. Mrs. Jones is a talented musician. Before her marriage she taught school in the county for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have one daughter, Ruth, aged four years. They attend the Baptist church. Mr. Jones is a very successful farmer. The family residence is the old homestead, standing on a beautiful eminence overlooking the Contoocook River and commanding a fine view of the diversified landscape.

FRANKLIN J. EMERSON, formerly a member of the Concord City Council, was born July 11, 1824, in Unity, N.H., son of Samuel and Matilda (Gould) Emerson. His grandfather, Jonathan Emerson, who was born in March, 1740, settled in West Concord, and there reclaimed from the wilderness the property now owned and occupied by his grandson. Jonathan subsequently replaced his primitive log cabin with a modern frame house; and at his death, which occurred when he was seventy-five years old, he left a good farm. He was twice married, and had twelve children, six by each union.

Samuel Emerson, father of Franklin J., was born at the homestead, May 2, 1783. He was brought up a farmer; and when a young man he began to till the soil upon his own account in Hopkinton, N.H. In 1809 he settled upon a farm in Unity, where he resided for the rest of his life, and died at the age of forty-three years. His wife, Matilda, was a daughter of Gideon and Hannah (Heath) Gould. The father, born in Hopkinton, January 16, 1741, died March 5, 1821; and the mother, born in Warner, N.H., December 17, 1746, died December 3, 1843, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. The children of Samuel and Matilda (Gould) Emerson were: Emily, Nancy, Caroline, Harriet, Harriet (second), and Franklin J. The first Harriet died in infancy. The mother's death occurred May 12, 1852.

Franklin J. Emerson, the only survivor of his parents' children, received his education in the district schools and at the Hopkinton Academy. Although he was left fatherless at a tender age, his natural energy enabled him to advance without the usual parental aid. Since reaching manhood, he has attained prosperity by industrious farming in West Concord. He now owns an excellent farm of one hundred acres, which is kept in a high state of cultivation, and a new set of substantial buildings erected by him.

Mr. Emerson married Eliza J. Abbott, daughter of Levi and Eliza (Dimond) Abbott. Both he and Mrs. Emerson attend the Congregational church. The city had the advantage of his services in the Common Council and

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upon the Board of Assessors for some time. He cast his first Presidential vote for Zachary Taylor in 1848, and he has supported the Republican party since its formation.

HARVEY B. GLIDDEN, an enterprising druggist of Claremont, was born in Hopkinton, Mass., May 17, 1857, son of Gardner F. and Mary M. (Bingham) Glidden. His grandfather, Nathan Glidden, who was an early settler in Unity, where he continued to reside for the rest of his life, reared a large family of children. Gardner F. Glidden was born in Unity. When a young man he became connected with the shoe manufacturing business. In 1850 he went to Hopkinton, Mass., where he was foreman in a shoe factory until his death in 1866. He was a man of much energy and business ability. His wife, Mary, who was a native of Unity, returned to that town after the death of her husband. She was sixty-six years old when she died in 1893.

The education of Harvey B. Glidden, begun in the public schools of Hopkinton and Unity, was completed with a commercial course at the New London Academy. He entered the drug business in 1874 as a clerk for Frank G. Winn in this town. Five years later he went to Boston, where he obtained a wide experience in the business as clerk in various stores. In 1887 he passed a successful examination before the New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy; and in 1892 he established himself in business, under the firm name of H. B. Glidden & Co., at his present location in the Hotel Claremont building. The store, excellently situated, is twenty by sixty-five feet. It is finished elaborately in antique oak, and is very attractive in appearance. It is stocked with a full line of drugs, chemicals, patent medicines, toilet articles, druggists' sundries, cigars, tobacco, and Tenney's famous New York confectionery. Mr. Glidden is the proprietor of Glidden's Liver Pills, Berney's Cough Drops, and Berney's Tooth Powder. His prescription department contains all of the latest additions to the materia medica, as well as the standard pharmaceutical preparations. Mr. Glidden's long experience as an apothecary is sufficient assurance that all physician's prescriptions intrusted to him will be accurately and faithfully compounded. Since starting in business he has had a large patronage, and his popularity both as a druggist and a citizen is fully merited.

On September 14, 1881, Mr. Glidden was united in marriage with Minnie A. Pride, daughter of William H. Pride, of Boston. A Mason of the thirty-second degree, he is connected with Hiram Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M.; Webb Chapter, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons; Columbian Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Sullivan Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar. He owns and occupies a very attractive residence at 4 Bond Street.

WILLIAM ANDREW JACKSON GILES, attorney-at-law of Concord, N.H., was born in this city, July 11, 1861. His parents, John B. Giles, a native of Roscrea, Tipperary, Ireland, and Ellen M. Driscoll Giles, of Cardiff, Wales, emigrated to America in 1852.

William A. J. Giles acquired his early education in the public schools of Penacook and Concord, and completed his school course at Boscawen Academy in 1881. The next year he began the study of law with the late John Y. Mugridge and Chief Justice William L. Foster, at the same time acting as reporter for the Boston *Traveller*, Concord *Journal*, and

other newspapers until 1889. In March, the year following, he was admitted to the bar; and he has since been in successful practice. As an illustration of his professional ability it may be mentioned that as plaintiff in a suit brought by certificate holders against the Order of the Helping Hand, tried before Judge Hammond, of Boston, he won his case, although the opposing counsel were ex-Governor Long, Mr. Brackett, and Samuel J. Elder. Before the legislature of 1893 Mr. Giles drew up bills for the Employers' Liability Act, for establishing a bureau of labor statistics, and a fifty-eight hour act, besides other legal documents, all of which were stubbornly fought by the ablest lawyers of the State.

On February 14, 1895, he was married to Mabel E. Welch, of this city. Fraternally, he is a member of Kearsarge Lodge, No. 48, K. of P., officiating as Chancellor and Commander of the same; also a member of Uniform Rank, K. of P.; and of the Ancient Order of American Foresters; and is Past Grand Master of General Stark Lodge, No. 7400 I. O. O. F. He officiates as attorney for the Central Labor Unions. As a member of the Amoskeag Veterans he took part with them in the dedication of the Grant Monument in New York City.

Mr. Giles is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Democratic State Committee. He was the original silver advocate of the State of New Hampshire, and, besides making many able addresses on the silver issue, he was the author of a pamphlet that attracted much attention, entitled "The Silver Question," and dedicated to William J. Bryan. Out of six hundred and twenty delegates entitled to seats in the Democratic Convention, Mr. Giles stood alone as an advocate of free silver. He wrote a letter to William J. Bryan, tendering his services in the campaign, which that gentleman graciously accepted.

At Mr. Bryan's reception at Madison Square Garden, Mr. Giles sat upon the platform as the only silver representative from New Hampshire.

AVER GOVE, a retired farmer of Henniker and a native of this town, was born June 24, 1814. His parents were prosperous farming people, and he was reared to agricultural pursuits. He succeeded to the possession of the homestead when about twenty-one years old, and continued to carry it on successfully until 1869, when he moved to another farm in West Hopkinton, N.H. He resided there for sixteen years; and, after tilling the soil as a general farmer for fifty-five years, he retired from active labor in 1886, since which time he has resided in Henniker village. In politics he supports the Democratic party, but has not taken an active interest in politics. He is highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen for his upright character and genial disposition. On March 4, 1841, Mr. Gove was joined in marriage with Mary C. Piper, of Hopkinton, who died in her native town, April 28, 1883. She was the mother of four children, namely: Lavinia Ann, who died in childhood; Charles F., now a carpenter of Roxbury, Mass.; George P., a resident of Henniker; and John F., of Bedford, N.H.

George P. Gove assisted his father in carrying on the farm from the time he was old enough to be useful. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade. Since settling in the village he has followed his trade. He is also associated with his brother, John F. Gove, in the proprietorship of the Proctor Hill Spring. This spring is located some

two hundred and thirty feet above the village, and has sufficient force to maintain a steady pressure. The brothers have laid about one and one-half miles of main pipe, and supply forty families with the water. On June 9, 1874, George P. Gove was married in Hopkinton to Mary E. Rowell. She was born in Hopkinton, daughter of Isaac and Harriet (Adams) Rowell, both natives of Henniker. Their daughter, Ina H., was born October 28, 1883.

In politics Mr. Gove is a Democrat, and he was elected a Selectman in 1891. He is connected with Aurora Lodge, F. & A. M., of Henniker, and with the chapter of the order. He has occupied the principal chairs in Kearsarge Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Contoocook; is connected with the encampment, and has been a member of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of New Hampshire.

FRANK L. JOHNSON, an influential farmer of Cornish and the owner of one of the old picturesque farms on the banks of Blow-me-down Brook, was born September 24, 1852, son of William P. Johnson. William, who was born in Cornish in November, 1815, son of Nathaniel Johnson, was educated in the town schools. He became a farmer, and has since followed that occupation. He has been essentially a home man, not caring for public life, though well fitted for it in point of energy and ability. He has been much interested in the educational affairs of the town, and has served as a member of the School Board. He was also Highway Surveyor for a time. He has been bandmaster, and for thirty years has led the choir and played in the Baptist church. He married Salome Souther, of Plainfield, who has had four children — Jane, Belle, Frank L., and Edward. Jane, born in Cornish, married Freeman Johnson, a farmer, and has had three children — Alva F., Ebenezer, and Mary. Belle resides on the old homestead with her father. Edward lives at Cornish, and is married to Anabelle Lear, daughter of William Lear, of South Cornish. Their children are: Darwin and Charles Johnson.

Frank L. Johnson's early training was obtained in the schools of his native town. His working life began on his father's farm, where he stayed until his twenty-fourth year. He then bought the beautiful estate along the Blow-me-down Brook that has been his home for twenty years. Only a few of the old homesteads on the banks of the Blow-me-down remain in the possession of the descendants of the original owners. The rest have been purchased by wealthy Boston or New York people for use as summer residences. At one time to own one of these estates was proof sufficient of a reputable ancestry. The buildings on Mr. Johnson's farm are large and in an excellent condition. Besides carrying on general farming, he trades extensively in cattle. Like his father, he has been too busy a man to give much time to public affairs, although he is interested in all questions pertaining to the general welfare of the town.

On December 25, 1877, Mr. Johnson married Dora A. Chase, daughter of Lewis T. and Mary (Smith) Chase, of Plainfield. Mr. Chase, who carried on a large farming business, and was Selectman of Cornish for a number of years, died August 16, 1876. His wife died June 27, 1892. He was son of Jacob Chase, who was son of Joseph, who was son of one of the three Chases who first settled the township of Cornish. Joseph built the house now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, hewing the timbers and making the nails needed for the purpose.

The house was successively occupied by Joseph, Jacob, and Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have a daughter, Marjorie May, who was born May 7, 1892.

CLYDE AUGUSTUS BLAKE, a prosperous merchant of Hill, N.H., was born here, December 17, 1876, son of Curtis N. and Jennie L. (Piper) Blake. He comes of a vigorous American family. His grandfather, Greenleaf Blake, who was born in Sanbornton, N.H., settled in Hill, and there followed the occupations of blacksmith and farmer. One of those examples of health and sturdiness of which there were so many among the early settlers, he had attained an advanced age when he died. His wife's maiden name was Miss Charlotte Kelley. Curtis N. Blake attended the district schools, and there received the education which afterward fitted him to take a leading place among his fellow-townsmen. He was for many years Postmaster of the town, and in that position he made a large circle of acquaintances and many warm friends. He was also for a time proprietor of the Union Store, a general merchandise depot. Later in life he sold out this establishment, and bought a large farm of two hundred acres, known as the Webster place. Here, with his wife, Jennie, he spent the remainder of his life, taking an active part in town affairs, and holding at different times various town offices, including that of Selectman. He passed away at the age of sixty-eight years, leaving two sons — Bert L. and Clyde Blake.

Having, like his father, acquired his early education in the town schools, Clyde Augustus Blake completed his training at the New Hampshire Institute and Commercial College. He then became interested in general farming, and did considerable business in dairy products until in April, 1896, when he bought the large grist-mill formerly owned by F. W. Eaton. Since that time he has dealt in miller's supplies, hay, grain, feed, paints, oils, and fertilizers, besides coal and wood. On June 10, 1896, he was married to Lulu M. Clarke, daughter of Guy and Jennie V. (Ladd) Clarke. Energetic and business-like, Mr. Blake is highly respected by his townsmen. In politics he is a Republican and closely identified with that party. He is a member of the grange and a friend of every movement for progress and reform.

ALMON FRIEND BURBANK, a lawyer of Pembroke, was born in Webster, N.H., October 17, 1857, son of Friend Little and Dorothy (Jackman) Burbank. The father, a native of Boscawen, N.H., was born June 29, 1806. Beginning in his earlier years, he was engaged in lumbering in Webster, N.H., and was widely known as an able and stirring business man. Later in life he was associated in business with his son, William W.; and the firm was known as F. L. Burbank & Son. He was a Republican in politics, and took an active part in public affairs. For a number of years he served as a Selectman in Boscawen, held other town offices, and was a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1858. His wife, Dorothy, also a native of Boscawen, became the mother of five children, of whom there are living: William W., Irvin A., and Almon F.

Almon Friend Burbank attended Simmon's Free High School in Warner, N.H., and fitted for college at the Penacook Normal Academy. Instead of pursuing a collegiate

course, however, he began the study of law with Messrs. Chase & Streeter, of Concord, N.H. He was admitted to the bar in 1880; and, locating for practice in Pembroke, he has since resided here. On August 6, 1887, Mr. Burbank wedded Mary Ellen Labontee, of Pembroke, and is now the father of two children — Priscilla and Esther. In politics he is an active supporter of the Republican party. He served as Supervisor for several years, was a member of the Board of Selectmen for three years, and a Representative to the legislature in 1897.

HON. WILLIS GEORGE BUXTON, a well-known lawyer of Boscawen and a member of the New Hampshire Senate, was born in Henniker, N.H., August 22, 1856, son of Daniel M. and Abbie A. (Whitaker) Buxton. His father was a native of Henniker; and his mother was born in Deering, N.H. His paternal ancestors came from Massachusetts. After receiving his elementary education in the public schools of Henniker, he pursued a higher course of study in the Clinton Grove and New London Academies. In 1876 he commenced the study of law in the office of B. K. Webber, of Hillsborough Bridge, and in 1878 entered Boston University Law School, from which he was graduated in 1879. He was admitted to the bar in March of that year, and immediately began the practice of his profession at Hillsborough. In 1882 he removed from Hillsborough to Penacook, where he was associated with the late Judge N. Butler for a time, and continued to occupy the same office after the death of his partner. He was instrumental in establishing the Penacook and Boscawen Water Works, of which he is at the present time Treasurer and Superintendent. He is clerk of the Penacook Electric Light Company, has been a member of the Board of Education, and is Town Treasurer of Boscawen. He has been a member of the Republican State Committee since 1886; was a member of the Constitutional Convention of New Hampshire in 1889; and was elected to the House of Representatives from Boscawen in 1895, and served as Chairman of the Committee on Elections. He is now a member of the State Senate, and is serving as Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. For some years past he has been the Secretary of the New Hampshire Orphans' Home.

On June 4, 1884, Mr. Buxton wedded Martha J. Flanders, of Penacook; and they have one child, Grace H. He is a member of Contoocook Lodge, No. 26, I. O. O. F.; of Horace Chase Lodge, No. 72, F. & A. M., of which he is a Past Master, being in Trinity Chapter, No. 2, Royal Arch Masons, and Mount Horeb Commandery, Knights Templar. Mr. Buxton conducts a large and profitable law practice. His political prominence is entirely the result of his earnest efforts in behalf of good government.

CHARLES A. KNOWLTON, a prominent resident of Sunapee, was born here, November 21, 1846, son of Dennis G. and Elizabeth A. Knowlton. His father, who was a well-known man in Sunapee, died April 11, 1894. Charles received his education in the common schools of his native town and at Wolfboro High School. He grew to maturity in Sunapee, and quite early learned the trade of machinist. He worked at that business for about five years, and then started a store in Sunapee. He has now been keeping store for over twenty-five years. The business is flourishing. The es-

tablishment is attractive, commands the best patronage, and has a full stock of the merchandise ordinarily found in a general store. The name of Knowlton carries much weight with it in the community, as bearers of it are the oldest and best known traders in the town. Mr. Knowlton has been Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer; and he has been Moderator for ten years. He was Postmaster of Sunapee during both administrations of President Cleveland. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Sunapee, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias of Newport. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious belief he is a Universalist.

Mr. Knowlton was married August 23, 1870, to Emily S., born in Sunapee, August 23, 1848, daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Osborne) Trow. Josiah Trow was a native of Sunapee; and his wife belonged to Springfield, N.H. Both are now deceased, the former dying at the age of forty-five, and the latter when seventy-one years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton have one daughter, Olga Lenna, now the wife of A. C. Sutherland, of Sunapee, who is connected in business with Mr. Knowlton.

SULLIVAN FLANDERS, a farmer of Hopkinton, was born in Bradford, N.H., October 6, 1822, son of Nathaniel and Betsey (Wright) Flanders. His grandfather, Jeremiah, came here from South Hampton some time between 1780 and 1783, and managed for one McCard large tracts of land covering several miles in the west part of Hopkinton. In 1794 Jeremiah purchased and settled on land where Thomas White now lives. He married Miriam George; and they had a family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters. His death occurred in Hopkinton, June 14, 1845, and that of his wife, April 14, 1856.

Nathaniel Flanders in early life was a shoemaker. Later on he took up farming, buying in 1841 the present farm of the Copps family. This place was called the Straw farm; and the house was erected by the proprietor bearing that name, who also planted the large elm in front. Captain Aaron Adams, who belonged to the Massachusetts Adamses, was the first owner of the place, having bought it of the "Lords Proprietors," as the deed says. Here Nathaniel died February 14, 1890; and his wife died February 16, 1869. Their children, six in number, were: Melissa, Sullivan, Lydia W., Joshua W., Nathaniel, and George. Melissa married Rufus P. Copps, of Hopkinton; Lydia W. married John Holbrook, of Swanzey, N.H., and died in 1891; Joshua W. married Ophelia Paige, of Weare, where they reside; Nathaniel, who did not marry, lives with Sullivan; George was killed by a falling tree at the age of thirty.

Sullivan Flanders undertook the management of the farm when quite a young man, and with the exception of two years spent in Lawrence, Mass., has remained here and worked with his brother Nathaniel. He was married February 5, 1850, to Helen M., daughter of James and Lydia Johnson Adams, all of Henniker, and a great-grand-daughter of the Captain Aaron Adams referred to above. Mrs. Flanders was born April 20, 1830, and died September 14, 1877. Mr. Flanders has two daughters — Clara A. and Cora M. The former, who was born February 25, 1851, and resides with her father, was educated at Contoocook, and has taught school for twenty years in Merrimack County. Cora M., born December 22, 1858, superintends her father's household.

AURELIUS DICKENSON, formerly a wealthy hotel-owner of Claremont, was born at Granville, Mass., February 10, 1804. He remained on his father's farm until twenty-one years of age. His first experience in business was in Hartford, Conn., where he was engaged as a clerk for a leather firm. A few years later he started a country store, and conducted it successfully for some time. When on his wedding trip, he took a fancy to the principal hotel at Amherst, Mass., and purchased it. This investment proved a paying one until 1837, when the hotel was burned. He then sold the property, and came to Claremont, where he bought the Tremont House property of Mr. Paran Stevens. On March 29, 1876, this property was also burned.

At one time Mr. Dickenson had large interests in stage lines, which brought him in enormous profits until they were superseded by railroads. While engaged in that business he kept a hundred horses, and owned the right of route. When obliged to abandon it, he turned his attention to railroads, and was instrumental in having Sullivan Railroad built from Bellows Falls to Windsor, Vt., on the New Hampshire side. He was a Director of the Claremont National Bank for thirty years and a Director of the Sullivan Savings Bank from the time of its organization. He was a thorough business man and an able financier. He was County Commissioner in 1868, 1869, and 1870, and a Selectman for about fifteen years. He married Frances M. Galpin in May, 1830, and had two sons, one of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Dickenson was a woman of rare virtues. Charitable, motherly in her ways, and with singular charm of manner, she endeared herself to all. She was devoted to her husband; and his death, November 3, 1880, at the age of seventy-seven years, was to her a sad affliction. Her death, at the age of seventy-two, occurred just a month after the decease of her husband.

Henry Dickenson, son of Aurelius, after spending some years in a retail shoe store, was engaged with his father in the hotel business. The valuable estate inherited from his father was most judiciously handled by him, and yielded a good income. He was a member of the Episcopal church, and he was legislative Representative in 1884 and 1885. His death occurred November 13, 1888. He married Mary E., daughter of Bridgeman Hapgood, of Reading, Vt.; and his children were: Harry Grant, Aurelius, Laura, Frances, and Ruth. All died in infancy with the exception of the first-born. Harry G. is a graduate of the Stevens High School, and now has charge of the estates and interests of his father.

Bridgeman Hapgood, the father of Mrs. Mary E. Dickenson, was born in 1800, son of a well-to-do farmer, who built the first frame house in Reading, Vt. He became a successful merchant in Reading, at the same time manufacturing starch in Plymouth and woollen goods at Weathersfield, Vt. At one time he was extensively engaged in farming on the old homestead. He was a Democrat in politics. He has been Postmaster of the town, Justice of the Peace for seventeen years, Town Clerk for ten years, trustee of surplus revenue for five years, and he represented the town in the legislature in 1837-38. For nine years in succession he was Chairman of the Select Council. He has repeatedly been appointed executor of estates. When in the legislature he fought hard to defeat the Bankruptcy Law, which in the passing brought heavy loss to him. Knowing that the law had been passed, he could have saved himself from loss, but was too conscientious. Rather than defraud any one, he met all his liabilities.

He gave up mercantile business and farming, and came to Claremont in 1853. Here he was engaged in the hardware business until he retired in 1865. He married Laura M. Weston, daughter of Parson Weston. She died in 1860, leaving three children — Edgar L., Elizabeth, and Mary E. Mr. Hapgood died in 1877.

HENRY DANIEL DUSTIN, a substantial farmer of Hopkinton, was born here, February 25, 1849, son of Daniel Pierce and Sally (Barnard) Dustin. His grandfather was Ebenezer Dustin, who married Sarah Pierce. The father of Ebenezer probably came from New York to this State. Daniel Dustin, also born in Hopkinton, two years after his marriage settled down on the old homestead, now owned by the Hon. Cyrus F. Dustin, who lives in Contoocook. About sixty years ago he bought the present farm on the Contoocook, containing one hundred and thirty acres, mainly on the bottom lands. Two years before his death he removed to Contoocook with his son Cyrus, where he died April 30, 1880. His widow is still living there, a well-preserved woman, now seventy-seven years old. He introduced Merino sheep from Vermont, and dealt with them in a manner calculated to produce the finest grades of wool. In politics Mr. Dustin was a Republican, while he was indifferent to political distinction. A man of robust and commanding appearance, weighing about two hundred pounds, he was unassuming, honorable, of the strictest integrity, and was well liked by his townsmen.

In his early manhood Henry Daniel Dustin followed the calling of teacher, mainly in Hopkinton. After leaving that profession at the age of thirty-four, he served ably for nine years on the School Board. He was one of the first school officers, and still retains his interest in educational matters. From 1881 to 1886 he served as Selectman. In 1886 he was elected to the legislature, where he was a member of the Committee on Finance. Dairying forms the main feature of his farming. He also pays some attention to stock-breeding, having some Jersey cattle, and other pure-bred stock, as well as some fine samples of the Jersey and Guernsey cross. Mr. Dustin has added to the farm lands until at present they cover two hundred and thirty acres. Other improvements made by him were the erection of new barns and the rebuilding of a part of the residence. He also does some lumbering. In 1871, November 30, Mr. Dustin married Helen M. Tucker, daughter of Deacon David and Mary E. (Straw) Tucker.

For the past seven years a boy, Amos F. Frye, now fifteen years of age, has been a member of the family. Mrs. Dustin's parents also reside with them. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dustin are members of the Baptist church in Contoocook. They are also connected with Contoocook Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is an Odd Fellow of Kearsarge Lodge and Eagle Encampment, in both of which he has taken the highest degrees.

HON. DEXTER RICHARDS, of Newport, who was born here, September 5, 1818, son of the late Seth Richards, comes of distinguished English ancestry. Sylvanus Richards, who came here from Dedham, Mass., in the first of the century, and took an honorable position among the early settlers of the town, was his grandfather. His father, a gentleman of the old school, was a lifelong resident of Newport. The other children of Seth Richards were: Emily, born

January 2, 1820, who married Perley S. Coffin, now deceased; Elizabeth, born November 19, 1821, who married the late John S. Parmelee, and now resides in Newport; Fanny, born July 23, 1823, who married J. Addison Gleason, and died in 1857; Abiathar, born October 8, 1825, now residing in Newport; Helen, born December 14, 1828, who married Moses R. Emerson, now deceased; Ann, born December 30, 1832, who married Arthur B. Chase, and resides in Newport; Catherine, born January 13, 1834, who married the late Ira Mitchell, and now resides in Des Moines, Ia.

Mr. Richards was educated in the common schools and at Ludlow, Vt. Early in life he was employed as a clerk. Later he became associated in business with his father and his brother Abiathar. In 1853, with his father he became a part owner of the Sugar River Mills, the other proprietor being Perley S. Coffin. In 1867 he purchased Mr. Coffin's interest, and became the sole owner. He took his son, Colonel Seth M. Richards, into partnership in 1872, under the firm name of Dexter Richards & Son. Some time after, his youngest son was given an interest; and the firm name of Dexter Richards & Sons was then adopted. The Sugar River Mills, since Mr. Richards became interested in them, have been operated with marked success; and it was in the business connected with them that he laid the foundation for his success in after years.

Since 1875 Mr. Richards has been a Trustee and the President of the First National Bank of Newport. He has also been prominently connected with the Newport Savings Bank, which was incorporated in 1868. It was mainly through the agency of Mr. Richards, who was a member of the legislature at the time, that the Sugar River Railroad, now known as the Concord & Claremont Branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad, was chartered in 1866. When the road, which first connected Concord and Bradford, was extended through to Claremont Junction, and towns and individuals along the line were called upon to aid in its construction, Mr. Richards contributed heavily toward the enterprise. He has built extensively in Newport. Some years ago he erected the fine brick structure known as Richards Block; reconstructed and enlarged the Dr. Thomas Sanborn dwelling-house, thus changing it into a substantial block; and erected the fine house which he now occupies as his residence. At various times he enlarged his mills, and he erected many other buildings in different parts of the village. An esteemed member of the Congregational Church of Newport, he has served it in the capacity of Deacon for upward of thirty years. He has also been called upon to fill various official positions of trust and responsibility. In his younger days he was Town Clerk and Selectman. He was elected to the General Court in 1865, 1866, 1870, and 1895. In 1872 he was a delegate to the National Republican Convention, and in 1871 and 1872 he was a member of the Executive Council of the State. He was twice a delegate to the conventions for revising the State Constitution, and he was State Senator in 1887. He has also been and is now a trustee of various institutions, among which may be mentioned Kimball Union Academy, the Orphans' Home, and the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane.

But Mr. Richards is, perhaps, best known in the rôle of a public benefactor. Among his gifts to the public may be mentioned that of the Richards Free Library to the town of Newport. Including the fine brick buildings, a museum in one part of the building, and a collection of three thousand volumes, its cost

was fifty-five thousand dollars. Another was the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, contributed to the erection of a high-school building. This is to be a large brick edifice, modern and convenient in every respect. This gift was at first twenty-two thousand, but he has since informed the building committee that he desired to make it twenty-five thousand, in order to have the structure completed to his satisfaction. His contributions to the Congregational church for various improvements amount to ten thousand dollars, and his contribution toward the completion of the Concord & Claremont Railroad, eleven thousand. His out of town donations raise the total of his public gifts to upward of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. The private gifts which Mr. Richards has made from time to time, and which have been large and numerous, are withheld from the public knowledge.

On January 27, 1847, Mr. Richards was united in matrimony with Louisa Frances Hatch, who was born in Hillsborough, April 10, 1827, daughter of the late Dr. Mason and Apphia (Andrews) Hatch. Dr. Hatch, who with his family became a resident of Newport, was for years one of the best known physicians of the town. Mrs. Richards has had six children, of whom three are deceased. The others are: Colonel Seth M. Richards, now the State Senator from this district; Mrs. Josephine E. Gile, the wife of Professor M. C. Gile, of Colorado College, and the mother of five children; and William F. Richards, a graduate of Harvard College, and, as before mentioned, now actively connected with the Sugar River Mills. Colonel Richards, born June 6, 1850, in Newport, was educated in Kimball Union Academy, and later was engaged in business in Newport and in Boston. Taken into partnership by his father in 1872, he assisted him in carrying on the great business. Since the retirement of his father the business has been continued under the old firm name of Dexter Richards & Sons. In politics Colonel Richards is a Republican. He was Town Treasurer early in life, a legislative Representative in 1885, a member of the staff of Governor Sawyer in 1887, and Town Treasurer again for two terms. He is now the Senator from District No. 7. He is Vice-President and Director of the First National Bank, Trustee of the Newport Savings Bank, President of the Newport Improvement Company, Trustee of the Electric Light Company, and President of the Board of Trade. He is also President of the Sullivan Musical Association, and a member of the I. O. O. F., Sugar River Lodge. On October 9, 1878, he married Lizzie M. Farnsworth, who was born in Newport, daughter of Oliver T. and Caroline (Hunt) Farnsworth. They have three children — Edith J., Louisa F., and Margaret E.

Mrs. Louisa Frances Richards is a lady of superior endowments, and her genial presence and graceful and courteous bearing make her everywhere welcomed. She is a Trustee of the Mercy Home at Manchester, a Trustee of the Women's Hospital Aid Association in Concord, and also a member of the Reprisal Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution of Newport. A writer in the work entitled "New Hampshire Women" justly remarks, "In church and society Mrs. Richards is an acknowledged power, while her delightful hospitality is a thing long to be remembered by those who have enjoyed it." Like her husband, she has been a liberal giver. She has bestowed munificent gifts on the Orphans' Home at Franklin, the Mercy Home at Manchester, the Women's Hospital Aid Association at Concord, and the Congregational

church of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Richards recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. On the occasion a brilliant reception was given by them to the townspeople and to near and remote relatives and friends, that will long be remembered as a notable social event in the history of the town.

JEREMIAH W. WILSON, M.D., who was for fifty years a prominent physician of Contoocook, Merrimack County, was born January 11, 1816, in Salisbury, N.H. He was a descendant of Thomas Wilson, who came with his wife from Exeter, England, in 1633, and located in Roxbury, Mass. The line of descent was continued by Humphrey Wilson, born in 1628, who married Judith Hersey, and settled in Exeter, N.H.; Thomas Wilson, born May 20, 1672, who married Mary Light, and continued his residence in Exeter; Humphrey Wilson (second), born December 9, 1699, who married Mary Leavitt, and located in Brentwood, N.H.; Nathaniel Wilson, born June 24, 1739, who married Elizabeth Barker, and settled in Gilmanton, N.H.; and Job Wilson, M.D., born in Gilmanton, who was the father of Dr. Jeremiah W. Wilson.

Job Wilson, M.D., removed from his native town to Salisbury, this county, where he practised his profession for many years, finally removing from there to the town of Franklin, locating near the Daniel Webster place, where his son, George W., now lives. He was a very skilful physician, and considered an authority by his professional brethren on small-pox. When that disease was epidemic in New Hampshire, he was employed by the State to take the medical charge of the patients. His death occurred in Franklin. He inherited the ancestral homestead at Gilmanton, which was entailed to the children of his son, Dr. Jeremiah W. Wilson. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Farnham, bore him seven children.

Jeremiah W. Wilson attended the public schools and the academy at Franklin. At the age of twenty he began the study of medicine under the instruction of his father. Subsequently he attended a course of lectures at Hanover, N.H.; and prior to receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine at the University in Castleton, Vt., he practised with his father and Dr. Ephraim Wilson, his brother. After his graduation he came to Contoocook, buying out the practice of Dr. Sargent, an old and well-known practitioner; and for the remaining fifty years of his life he was actively engaged in his professional labors, residing for the entire time in the house he at first occupied. His practice extended over a large territory, embracing every town and village in this vicinity, and was eminently successful. In the diagnosis of the diseases brought to his notice he was particularly fortunate, being rarely mistaken; while as surgeon his skill was unquestioned. He had a rare delicacy of perception, and a refinement of thought and feeling very gratifying to the sick. Combined with these qualities were a decision and firmness of character that inspired confidence, and caused him to be regarded by his patients as a friend and counsellor as well as a physician. A close student, he kept up with the progress of his profession, and as a rule adhered to the regular practice, although his brother Ephraim, a physician in Rockville, Conn., was a warm advocate of homœopathy.

Ever heedful of the call of distress, Dr. Wilson gave his time and skill without making question of compensation; and, being a poor collector, fees amounting to hundreds of dollars, that the debtors could well afford to

pay, have long since been outlawed. In his visits to the poor he often contributed necessary articles of clothing or food to needy families, besides gratuitously giving his services to the sick. Frank and outspoken, he never hesitated to express his honest opinion, and defend it when necessary. He bought a tract of land in Contoocook, and for some years did a little farming, intrusting the manual labor oftentimes to those owing him for professional work and unable to find ready money with which to pay their bills. Although other physicians located in the town, he maintained the even tenor of his way, never forgetting the ethics and courtesy of his profession. He never aspired to political honors, but was always an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He was held in high respect by his medical brethren, and was a valued member of the County Medical Society. For a time he served as Surgeon of the Twenty-first Regiment of the State militia, to which he was appointed in 1845.

On March 31, 1847, Dr. Wilson married Miss Elizabeth Gerrish, who was born September 5, 1820, daughter of Thomas and Betsey Gerrish, of Boscawen. She died November 8, 1882, having borne him three children. These were: Edwin G., Harlan Page, and George H. Edwin G. Wilson, M.D., a graduate of the medical department of the college at Ann Arbor, Mich., practised his profession at Griggsville, Ill., Leominster, Mass., and Laconia, N.H., and died in the last-named town, February 8, 1883, at the age of thirty-five years. Harlan Page Wilson, a carpenter by trade, who spent some ten years in the West, now resides on the homestead in Contoocook, and carries on the farm. The Doctor and Mrs. Wilson took Miss Martha J. Chase into their family when she was a girl of twelve years. She subsequently repaid the loving care they bestowed upon her by tenderly watching over the Doctor in his declining years. Both the Doctor and his estimable wife were earnest and sincere Christians in the true sense of the term. Though they were connected with the Congregational church of Hopkinton for a period of fifty years, they worked harmoniously with the Baptist and Methodist Episcopal Churches of Contoocook. While a friend to all in the community, he had a few with whom he was especially intimate, among them being Joseph Barnard, of Hopkinton, and Walter S. Davis. In 1890 he had a cataract, which threatened his sight, successfully removed from his eye. In the last years of his life his chief enjoyment was the reading of the leading newspapers and medical journals of the day as well as the choice works of the library. He died in Contoocook, April 30, 1896, having outlived by a full decade the Scriptural limit of human life.

HOLLIS LEMUEL BLOOD, a well-to-do farmer and dairyman of Bradford, Merrimack County, N.H., was born July 16, 1845, in Goshen, Sullivan County, this State, a son of Lemuel and Eliza (Dodge) Blood. On the paternal side he is of Scotch ancestry and on the maternal of English. His paternal grandfather served throughout the Revolutionary War, and in later life was always called General Blood. After the war he removed from Maine to New Hampshire, locating on Blood Hill in Bradford Centre, his son Moody, who later settled in the South, coming here with him. The General subsequently made his home with his son Lemuel in Goshen, living there until his death.

Lemuel came from Maine to New Hampshire at the time his father did, but located

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in Goshen, taking up a tract of three hundred acres of wild land, from which he redeemed a farm. He was three times married, his first and second wives, named Bates, having been sisters. He had by his three unions twenty-one children, his last wife, formerly Miss Eliza Dodge, being the mother of five, namely: George F., who served in the war of the Rebellion, taking part in three of the hardest-fought battles — Antietam, South Mountain, and another — and died a few years later from the effects of wounds received at the battle of South Mountain; Hollis L., the subject of this sketch; Jeannette, wife of Harland Wilcox, of Newport, N.H.; Mark A., of Melrose, Mass.; and Frank J., who is employed in a shoe factory at Nashua, N.H., and is also one of the special police of that city. One of the older children, Albertus Blood, was killed September 4, 1894, by the falling of a tree. His widow still lives in Bradford village; and his daughter Ida is the wife of C. W. Redington, of whom a short sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. Another son, Moody E., resides in Newport; Harvey is in California; Joel is in the State of Washington; Rocira is the wife of Wellman George, of Manchester; and another sister, Luretta, the widow of Hosea Brockaway, lives in Manchester. The father, Lemuel Blood, died at the age of seventy-three years; and at his funeral fifteen of the sixteen children then living were present, five of each marriage.

Hollis L. Blood was a boy of thirteen when his father died. He remained with his mother some four years, and then began working on a neighboring farm, receiving fifty dollars a year, board, clothes, and schooling. When his brother George enlisted, he went back to the home farm, continuing there until twenty years old. After that he again worked out as a farm laborer, his wages being twenty-five dollars a month; and he soon came to Bradford Centre, where he was employed for two seasons by E. W. Dodge. He then bought a half-interest in the saw-mill of Wadleigh & Seavey in the village of Bradford, and for eight years, in company with Benjamin E. Wadleigh, carried on an extensive business in custom trade. He made money, starting in with a capital of one hundred dollars, and clearing one thousand dollars above all expenses. Selling his interest in that mill, he purchased another one, and eventually he repurchased his former mill, running both for a year or two with John E. French as partner. Later Mr. Blood carried on the entire business himself for a time, owning both of the mills, one of which he dismantled, and the other he sold. He then bought the steam mill; and three years afterward he sold that, and purchased a grist-mill in the village, which he operated four and one-half years, at the same time having a large trade in grain and feed. In March, 1890, giving up milling, in which he had been engaged for twenty-four years, he bought a new store in the village, on the site of an old business house, and for three and one-half years he was engaged in the sale of general merchandise. In the fall of 1893 he disposed of his store, and bought the Jonathan Peaslee farm, an old landmark of the town, one mile west of the village. He has since added to his acreage, his estate being nearly two miles in length. He carries on general farming, including dairying, for which he keeps ten or more cows.

On November 24, 1867, Mr. Blood married Miss Frances L. Seavey, who was born in Newbury, a daughter of Andrew Seavey, now residing in the village of Bradford. Mr. and Mrs. Blood have three children, namely: Mabel F., wife of Frank P. Craig, of Bradford

village; L. Estella, who was educated at the New London Academy, and teaches at Bradford in School No. 6; and Nettie E., who is yet a school-girl.

In politics Mr. Blood is a firm advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and besides serving several years as secretary of the local committee has been a delegate to numerous conventions. He is an active member of the School Board, having the supervision of two schools, Nos. 6 and 12. He is prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to St. Peter's Lodge, No. 31, F. & A. M., in which he is a Past Master, and is now serving his third term as Worthy Master, being one of the most enthusiastic workers in the organization. He is also a member of Massasecum Lodge, No. 34, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs, and is likewise a member of the Grand Lodge. Mr. Blood is a very genial, social man, popular with his townspeople. He has a most cosey and attractive farm-house home, which it is a pleasure to visit.

WILLIAM E. MUDGETT, a well-known merchant of Contoocook, son of Calvin H. and Julia (Fisher) Mudgett, was born in Franklin, Merrimack County, September 16, 1855. His great-grandfather came to New Hampshire from Maine, and settled at Holderness. The grandfather, William Mudgett, was born at Holderness, now Ashland. In his young manhood he went to Bristol, where he was subsequently engaged in farming, and died in his ninetieth year. His wife's maiden name was Huckins. Calvin H., son of William and the father of William E. Mudgett, was formerly a resident of Bristol, where he was engaged in farming and lumbering, owning large tracts of timber land. He now resides in Contoocook, to which he removed seven or eight years ago, after retiring from active business life. His wife, Julia, died eight years ago at Bristol. He has one daughter, Nellie, wife of Henry Eastman, now deceased, who was formerly a farmer of Contoocook.

William E. Mudgett spent his boyhood at Bristol, where he remained until he was sixteen years of age, attending the New Hampton Institution. At the age of sixteen years he entered Stearns Carpet Store, now kept by the Stewart Company, where he remained for four years as a clerk. He then travelled as a salesman for various Boston houses, visiting the principal cities of the country, and selling to the jobbing trade throughout the Middle, Western, and Southern States. In the course of time he secured a half-interest in the firm, after which he found it necessary to leave the road, and take personal charge of the store. He began business as a store-keeper in April, 1890, succeeding T. B. Richardson. His stock usually amounts to about ten thousand dollars. He ships grain in the shape of bran, meal, gluten, linseed, and middlings, at the rate of one hundred and twenty-five or one hundred and thirty carloads per annum. For thirteen years he has also speculated in cider apples, buying up large quantities all over New England, especially in Connecticut, averaging about two hundred carloads per season. Of late years he has done more business in apples than formerly. He is a stockholder of the New England Fruit Company at Concord, and has supplied the company with a large share of their apples.

Mr. Mudgett was married at Contoocook, September 16, 1876, to Lona Chase, daughter of Thomas and Mary Parsons Chase, of the same place. Mr. Chase was the popular landlord of the old inn at Contoocook, which was also kept by him during the war. He

died there since the marriage of his daughter Lona, in his eighty-eighth year. His wife still lives, being now in her eighty-sixth year. Mr. Mudgett's children are: Nellie May, a graduate of Henniker High School and now a teacher; Lillian J., also a graduate of Henniker High School, class of 1896; and William Chase, a student at Henniker High School. Mrs. Mudgett died February 10, 1897. In politics Mr. Mudgett is a Republican, and he has served on various commissions. He belongs to Kearsarge Lodge, No. 23, and the encampment of the I. O. O. F. at Contoocook, having passed all the chairs of the lodge.

CHARLES A. JEFTS, a prosperous business man of Langdon, was born in Putney, Vt., January 27, 1853, son of Alphonso M. and Almira (Clough) Jefts. He comes of a family whose founder emigrated from England some time in the seventeenth century, settling in Billerica, Mass., and whose descendants made their home in that State for many years. Jonathan, the great-grandfather of Charles A., born in Townsend, Mass., was the first to seek a home in the Granite State. The last years of his life were spent in the town of Mason. Hosley Jefts, the father of Alphonso M., and a native of Mason, removed to Langdon, where he was engaged in farming, and afterward died. He married Abigail Green; and they had eight children, respectively named: Harriet, Indiana, Caroline, Roxanna, Albert, Alphonso M., Eli, and Pamelia.

Alphonso M. Jefts, a native of Antrim, N.H., was born in March, 1815, and died June 18, 1891. He settled on a farm in Putney, Vt., but afterward came to Langdon, which was subsequently his home for forty years. He had no political ambition, and he was an attendant of the Episcopal church. Almira, his wife, who was born in Westmoreland, N.H., December 25, 1815, daughter of John Clough, of Stamford, Vt., had nine children — Mason, Maria, Abigail, Harriet, Mary P., Mira A., Fred F., John W., and Charles A. Mason, now deceased, was born in Putney, followed the occupation of farmer, and spent his life in Alstead. He married Calista Clark. Maria is the wife of Benjamin Wales, a broker in Taunton, Mass., and has two children. Abigail and Harriet died in girlhood. Mary P., who is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, has been engaged in teaching for fifteen years, and is now the French teacher of the Worcester High School. Mira A., who was educated at Mount Holyoke College, is the wife of Lester Sprague, a hardware dealer of Hartford, Conn., and has one child, Mary A., now Mrs. Chauncey Brainard, of Putney, Vt. Fred F., who was educated at Chester Academy, and is in the paper manufacturing business in Carthage, N.Y., married Carrie Adams, of Bellows Falls, Vt., and has one son, Clyde A. John W. Jefts, who was educated at Ashburnham (Mass.) Academy, and is a farmer of Langdon, married Hattie Simpson, of this place.

Charles A. Jefts received his education in the schools of Langdon and Fort Edward College, New York State, graduating therefrom in the class of 1874. Upon his return from college, he took up farming with his father on the homestead, of which he is the present owner. Besides attending to his farm duties, he does a limited business as a broker. While he has always made Langdon his home, he has taken a number of pleasure trips to various parts of the country. The esteem in which he is held is evidenced by the fact that his townsmen have elected him to serve them in many of the principal town offices. In religious

belief he is an Episcopalian, and serves the society in the capacity of church warden. He is a member of the grange.

LAUREN S. CLOUGH, farmer and stock-raiser of Loudon, was born in Alton, N.H., March 5, 1842, son of Samuel and Ruth (Philbrook) Clough. His grandfather, Samuel Clough, a native of Gilmanton, N.H., and a resident of that town for the greater part of his life, was one of the sons of three brothers who settled in Gilmanton. Samuel spent his last years in Alton, N.H., where he died January 21, 1828. His wife, Rhoda (Carr) Clough, survived him until July 3, 1840. They had four children —Hannah, John, Samuel, Jr., and Eliza, all now deceased.

Samuel Clough, Jr., lived on the old homestead for some time and then came to Loudon, and subsequently lived there fifty-eight years. He was engaged in farming for the greater part of his life. During his residence in Alton he was one of the Selectmen of the town. He married Miss Philbrook, and they had five children, as follows: Myron, born December 2, 1833, who married Elizabeth Prescott, of Alton, and is now a farmer in Gilmanton; Miranda, born March 22, 1835, who is the wife of George W. J. Johnson, and resides on a farm in Pittsfield, N.H.; Eliza Jane, born January 8, 1840, who now lives with her brother, Lauren S., on the old homestead; Lauren S., the subject of this biography; Ruth Ellen, born April 28, 1844, who successively married Oliver Hutchinson, of Loudon, who died, and Allen Anderson, of California, a machinist by trade, and now lives in San Francisco, Cal. The father died July 19, 1889, and the mother June 23, 1874.

Lauren S. Clough always remained at home with his parents, receiving a good education in the best schools of the county. After the death of his father he took charge of the old homestead. He now owns one hundred acres of land under cultivation besides seventy-five acres of pasture land. The property has been much enhanced in value by the erection of several substantial buildings. Besides carrying on the farm successfully, he is also engaged in stock-raising to a considerable extent.

On June 3, 1877, Mr. Clough married Abbie Sarah Weeks, of Loudon, a daughter of Stephen H. and Elizabeth (Haines) Weeks, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Clough had four children, of whom one died unnamed in infancy. The others are: Grace, born May 8, 1878, who resides at home; Ethel M., born February 27, 1880, now attending school in Loudon; and Gertrude, born May 29, 1882, living at home. Mrs. Clough died December 3, 1884. Mr. Clough has always been a Republican in his political life, while he has never been an office-seeker. He is a Deacon of the Free Baptist Church of Loudon, of which church his sister is also a member.

LEWIS D. HAINES, a prominent farmer and large land-owner residing in Northfield, was born in this town, February 7, 1845, son of the late Benjamin Haines and his wife, Martha (Kennison) Haines. The father, born in Epping, was only four years old when his father, George L. Haines, settled in Canterbury, this county. After living there for some years, father and son came to Northfield and settled on the homestead now occupied by Mr. Lewis Haines, and which was then known as the Ellison place. Benjamin Haines was a farmer by occupation. He died June 29, 1878, leaving a good name and a fair estate to his chil-

dren. His wife, Martha, who was born in Canterbury, died July 18, 1896. The eldest of their three children, George B. Haines, M.D., is a well-known physician of Valley Falls, R.I. He married Dora Babbit, who is now deceased. The youngest child and the only daughter, Miss Ida M. Haines, who was born November 3, 1848, and was educated at Tilton Seminary, resides with her brother on the homestead. She is well known in the social life of Northfield, and is an active member of the Congregational church of that place.

Lewis D. Haines, the second son of his parents, attended the common schools of his native town. Since then he has always lived on the home farm, and has been engaged in farming. After the death of his father he took entire charge of the estate, which has been much improved in his hands. He is the owner of about five hundred acres of land. Besides carrying on general farming extensively, he does considerable dairy business. He keeps about thirty head of cattle, and ships milk to the Boston markets. Always a hard-working man, he has never sought public office. He is a good Republican, and has always voted that ticket. Both Mr. Haines and his sister are members of the grange at Tilton and regular attendants at the meetings of that organization. Mr. Haines's farm was formerly owned by Richard Ellison, who was the grandfather of General Butler.

CHARLES ASA HOLDEN, a well-to-do farmer of Langdon, was born in this town, August 4, 1833, son of Asa and Mary Ann (Evans) Holden. Edmund Holden, the father of Asa, was a native of Shirley, Mass., and the first of the family to settle in Langdon. He was a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser. In 1796 he married Susan Rockwood, of Groton, Mass., and became the father of six children, born as follows: Amanda, in 1797; Suka, in 1799; Edmund, in 1802; Asa, May 30, 1804; Rockwood, in 1809; and Sophronia, in 1813.

Asa Holden taught school for a number of years in different towns. Then he purchased a farm, and was engaged in carrying it on until he gave up active work, some twelve years before his death, which happened December 12, 1885, when he was over eighty-one years of age. He was a Deacon of the Congregational church for many years. Mary Ann (Evans) Holden, his wife, was born in Rockingham, Vt., in 1811, and died in September, 1874, aged sixty-three. Their children were: Charles Asa, Mary E., George H., Henry M., Luella V., and Edward M., all of whom were born in Langdon. Mary E., the elder daughter, now deceased, who was born January 26, 1835, married Samuel K. Upton, formerly of Langdon, now of Acworth, N.H., and had two children — Mary L. and Hattie L., respectively the wives of Charles Barney, of Claremont, N.H., and William H. Wilson, of Langdon. George H., born July 29, 1838, who lives in Walpole and is a farmer, married Jane Allen, of Walpole, who died leaving two sons — George N. and Charles H. Henry M., born October 14, 1840, who is a successful farmer in Langdon, married Emma Dinsmore, of Alstead, N.H., and has three daughters — Edith, Etta M., and Dora. Luella V., born December 12, 1845, is the wife of Orr Wallace, an Alstead farmer, auctioneer, and trader in land and stock, and has no children. Edward M., born April 21, 1851, who is a farmer in Walpole, N.H., married Lora F. Burt, a native of Walpole, and has no children.

After completing his education, which was acquired in the town schools, Charles A.

Holden carried on the home farm for a time. Later he bought the farm on which he now lives. Besides tilling his land, he has given considerable attention to stock-growing, and has raised a large number of oxen. He was Selectman of the town for fourteen years, and Chairman of the Selectmen for several terms. In 1873-74 he was a Representative in the State legislature, and served on the Industrial School Committee. He is an attendant of the Congregational church.

On November 18, 1862, Mr. Holden was united in marriage with Miss Emily A. King, who was born in Acworth, N.H., March 29, 1835. She is a daughter of Captain Samuel King, who died August 29, 1877. Her parents had fourteen children, who all attained maturity. Mr. and Mrs. Holden have three children — Emily Corinne, Charley Clyde, and Allen K. Emily Corinne, born October 6, 1863, is now the wife of George Winch, a school teacher in Manchester, N.H., and has one child — Emily J., born in November, 1892. Charles Clyde, born January 10, 1866, now a travelling salesman for a jewelry firm in White River Junction, Vt., married Marcia Billings, and resides in Sabattus, Me. He has two children: Clyde T., born in March, 1895; and an infant son, Royal Charles. Allen K. Holden, born August 11, 1870, who lives on a large milk farm in Newton, Mass., married Frances Wingate, of Mooers Forks, N.Y.

CHARLES A. HUBER, an energetic and successful farmer of Northfield, was born January 12, 1846, in Melun, France, near Paris, son of Melheur and Katherine (Farney) Huber, both also natives of Melun. His father, who followed the sea during the active period of his life, died in France, August 21, 1855. Mr. Huber's mother, having survived her husband but three days, died August 24. Melheur and Katherine F. Huber were the parents of fourteen children, as follows: Petre Paul, who died in the army; Joseph, who resides in Pennsylvania; Louis, who lives near Manchester, N.H.; Alexander, a bricklayer of Concord, N.H.; Victorine and Amelia, who are still residing in France; Eugene, a resident of New York State; Charles A., the subject of this sketch; Albert, who is residing in the West; Emile, of Manchester; Melheur and John, neither of whom emigrated to America; Carl, who is deceased; and Hector, who is in the shoe business in Buffalo, N.Y.

Charles A. Huber was educated in the common and high schools of his native country. After completing his studies, he entered the French army, with which he served eight years. In 1870 he emigrated to the United States, where four of his brothers had already found a home. He first settled in Manchester, where he was employed for some time. Subsequently he was for two years engaged as a florist in Concord. After his marriage he was employed as a gardener in Franklin for three years. Then he bought the Gross farm, situated near Tilton village in the town of Northfield, where he now resides. He owns one hundred and seven acres of fertile land, and is an extensive grower of garden truck for the city markets.

On April 21, 1879, Mr. Huber was united in marriage with Henriette Larivire. She was born in St. Mary, P.Q., April 16, 1845, daughter of John and Bridget (Dayer) Larivire. John Larivire was a carpenter by trade. Both he and his wife always resided in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Huber have four children, namely: Albert, born February 26, 1880; Louise, born February 5, 1882; Ora, born February 15, 1883; and Lottie, born June 21,

1885. In politics Mr. Huber is a Democrat, and he has served with ability as Road Surveyor. He has labored industriously for the prosperity he now enjoys. He had the misfortune to have his house destroyed by fire in 1895. Now he has a pleasant and comfortable home. He is a member of the St. John the Baptist Society, and the family attend the Roman Catholic church.

MORRILL MOORE, a prominent farmer and cattle breeder of Northfield, was born in this town, November 18, 1829, son of Morrill S. and Sarah (Hancock) Moore. His grandfather, Ezekiel Moore, passed the most of his life in Canterbury, N.H., where he was engaged in farming; and his last days were spent in Bristol, N.H. The father, Morrill S. Moore, was born in Canterbury, October 29, 1798. He settled in Northfield, and followed agriculture until his death, which occurred May 14, 1860. His wife, Sarah, born in Northfield, April 7, 1794, became the mother of five children, namely: Orpha, who died in infancy; Clarissa, born April 18, 1827; Polly, born May 1, 1828; Morrill, the subject of this sketch; and Merrill, born March 4, 1831. Clarissa, who married Joseph Cross, a farmer of Northfield, and died June 12, 1897, had nine children — Frank, Clara, Sarah, Albert, Fred, Warren, Flora, Charles, and Walter. Clara and Warren are deceased. Polly Moore married Willis Gray, of Northfield, and died leaving one daughter — Emma J., who is the wife of Joseph Nealey, of Nottingham, N.H. Merrill, who died February 26, 1889, wedded for his first wife Caroline Lake, of Canterbury, who died in 1860. A second marriage united him with Mary Heath, of the same town, who had three children: Clara and George, now deceased; and Sadie, who is the wife of Fred Watson, of Northfield. Mrs. Morrill S. Moore died October 24, 1858.

Morrill Moore acquired a common-school education and was reared to farm life. He remained with his parents, assisting on the farm, and afterward followed agriculture. In 1878 he moved to his present farm, which contains three hundred acres, and affords him ample opportunity for general farming and cattle breeding. He makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Devon stock, and also produces a large quantity of superior butter. On March 3, 1858, Mr. Moore was joined in marriage with Lavina A. Huse, who was born in Campton, N.H., September 3, 1834, daughter of Daniel M. and Eliza (Dudley) Huse. Her parents, who were natives of Sanbornton, resided in Campton, from which town they moved to Northfield, and settled upon the farm now owned by Mr. Moore. They reared three children, as follows: Lavina A., who became Mrs. Moore; Sarah Emily, born September 1, 1840, who married B. W. Plummer; and Ann Eliza, born January 8, 1845, who married George F. Blanchard, a farmer of Canterbury. Daniel M. Huse died September 3, 1883; and his wife died January 17, 1888.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore have had five children — Eliza Abbie, Frank H., Cora E., Della A., and Arthur G. Eliza, born May 1, 1860, died December 30 of the same year; Frank H., born March 25, 1862, is now a grain dealer in Laconia; and Cora E., born January 12, 1864, married Oliver Taylor, a blacksmith of Laconia. Della A., born May 11, 1867, who married George A. Dearborn, a native of Hill, N.H., now lives in Concord, where her husband is in the grocery business. She has two children: Mildred A., born September 17, 1892; and Harold M., born December 19, 1896. Arthur G. Moore, born June 26, 1872,

is in the live-stock business, and is one of the most popular young men in Northfield. In politics Mr. Morrill Moore is a Democrat, and he has been Tax Collector for six years. He is connected with the Northfield Grange, and is one of the most practical and successful farmers and stock-raisers in this locality.

WILLIS JORDAN, a well-known agriculturist of Plainfield, who gives special attention to dairying and poultry raising, was born in this town, September 10, 1850, son of William R. and Esther (Spaulding) Jordan. The Jordan family, an old and prominent one of this town, has produced men of high integrity and of stanch loyalty to the nation. Its first representatives in America were among the early settlers. Later the family gave the country stalwart and steadfast soldiers for the old French and Indian War, for the War of Independence, and for the second war with England, as well as defenders of the Union in the great Civil War.

James Jordan, grandfather of Willis Jordan, is believed to have been the first of the family to settle in Plainfield. He was a very prosperous farmer, and was held in high respect by his townspeople. His wife, whose maiden name was Kenyon, bore him a large family of boys; namely, William R., Raymond K., Timothy L., Anthony W., James W., Jarvis J., and Johnson. Raymond, by trade a cooper, was engaged in that business at Plainfield, and also did some farming. Timothy L. was a stone mason and farmer, and lived in this town. Anthony W. was also a stone mason of Plainfield. James and Jarvis were farmers in this town, and lived here throughout their lives. All of these sons married, and had families. Johnson died young. William R. Jordan, father of Willis, born at Plainfield in the year 1807, died in 1865. He took up the occupation of farmer, and worked so energetically and successfully that at his death he owned the large farm known as the Abel Stone place. He acquired this through his own efforts, unaided by his father or by others. While not a seeker for political honors, he never failed in his duties as a good citizen. He married Esther Spaulding, who, born in 1805, daughter of Simon Spaulding, of Plainfield, died in 1890. The eight children of this marriage were: Lewis S., Sophia, Henry C., Rosamond, Harrison H., Mary M., Darwin F., and Willis Jordan. Since Grandfather Jordan settled in Plainfield, the men reared in this family have found occupation in this their native town, and have been prominent in affairs. Lewis Jordan is living at Plainfield, a prosperous farmer. Sophia, now deceased, married Mr. Dodge, of Plainfield. Henry is unmarried. Rosamond became the wife of Willard Hayward, who is now deceased. Harrison H. died some years since. Mary is Mrs. Sidney Sanborn, and the mother of several children. Darwin, who is engaged in farming, married and has a family of children.

Willis Jordan was the youngest of his parents' children. He helped his father on the farm until he came of age. Then he struck out for himself, and has since been a successful business man. He is extensively engaged in general farming, but devotes himself especially to dairying and poultry raising. He has always given close and careful attention to the details of his business, which characteristic, joined to his thrift and industry, has gained for him general esteem.

Mr. Jordan married Ella S., who was born September 20, 1851, daughter of Albert K. Reed, a wealthy Plainfield farmer. Her three

children are: Wesley W., born May 8, 1876; Bernice E., born January 27, 1883; and Ralph K., born November 13, 1887. Wesley Jordan is now a student at Dartmouth College, having fitted for that institution at Kimball Union Academy. The two younger children are still attending the town schools of Plainfield.

FRANK E. RANDALL, Postmaster of Pittsfield and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, May 5, 1842, son of Thomas B. and Mary G. (Pickering) Randall. His grandfather, Robert Randall, a prosperous farmer of Lee, N.H., died in that town at a good old age. Robert's wife, who reached the age of eighty years, was the mother of two sons, neither of whom is living.

Thomas B. Randall, the elder of Robert's sons, was born in Lee. When a young man he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he afterward followed in Pittsfield for some years. In 1845 he went to Manchester, N.H., and was employed in the Amoskeag factory until his death, which occurred in 1850, at the age of forty-two years. He was a rugged and able-bodied man, capable of much hard work, and had the esteem and good will of all who knew him. Although not an aspirant to public office, he took an earnest interest in political matters. He was a member of the Baptist church. His wife, Mary G., was a daughter of John Pickering, of Barnstead, N.H., and a descendant of John Pickering, an early resident of Portsmouth, N.H. She became the mother of seven children, of whom the survivors are: John N. Randall, M.D., Frank E., Evelyn, and Olive, all of whom were born in Pittsfield. Dr. Randall, a graduate of the Harvard University Medical School, was formerly Assistant Surgeon in the regular army, and is now practising his profession in Decatur, Ill. He wedded Mary Thatcher, a native of Pennsylvania, and has one daughter—Bertha T. Evelyn is the wife of Charles E. Cox, of Manchester, and has four children—Walter, Guy, Louis, and Channing. Olive married Robert I. Stern, of Manchester, and has no children. Mrs. Thomas B. Randall lived seventy-two years.

Frank E. Randall passed a portion of his boyhood in Manchester, but eventually returned to Pittsfield. He began his education in the common schools of his native town, and completed his studies at the Pittsfield Academy. Having prepared himself for educational work, he was engaged in the calling of teacher for twenty-five years, three in Farmington, N.H., and the rest in Pittsfield. In 1886 he was first appointed Postmaster, in which capacity he served four years. In 1894 President Cleveland appointed him to the same position, which he still holds. In this town he owns a small farm, the cultivation of which, together with his official duties, takes up his entire time and attention. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has long been a leading spirit in local public affairs. He was Superintendent of Schools for twenty years, and was Selectman and Town Clerk for one term each. In 1877 and 1878 he represented his district in the legislature, and he was County Auditor in 1879. He has also served upon the Board of Education; and, when the Police Court was located in Pittsfield, he was Special Police Justice for seven years.

On December 20, 1876, Mr. Randall was united in marriage with Mary Abbie Fife, daughter of John H. Fife, of Epsom, N.H. She is the mother of two children: Bertha M., born August 6, 1878; and Helen D., born June 25, 1884. Mr. Randall is connected with N. H. Woodbine Lodge, I. O. O. F., of

Farmington, N.H., and with the Improved Order of Red Men. Mrs. Randall is a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

PEABODY HODGDON ADAMS, a successful general merchant of Pittsfield, was born in Barnstead, N.H., April 22, 1820, son of John and Sally (Seward) Adams. Four of his ancestors came from England; and one of them, who was a Congregational minister, settled at Newington, N.H. William Adams, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a carpenter by trade. He was also a farmer; and he resided in Barnstead all his life, attaining the age of seventy years. He supported the Whig party in politics, while his religious belief was that of the Congregational denomination. He married Hannah Jacobs, who had four children, and lived about eighty years.

John Adams, eldest child of his parents, was born in Barnstead. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, which, with farming, was the main occupation of the active period of his life. He resided in Barnstead until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-eight years old. In politics he was a Whig. His wife, Sally, was a daughter of George Seward, of Barnstead, whose death occurred at about the same age as that of her husband. She was a member of the Congregational church. She became the mother of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, eight of whom are living. These are: Peabody H., Frank, George W., Nathaniel W., Alvah, Hannah, Mary, and Nancy. Frank married for his first wife a Miss Taylor, of Lowell, who had one daughter, Susie. For his second wife he wedded a lady named Holt, who had three children — Abbie, Blanche, and Frank, Jr. George W. married a Miss Ware, of Lowell, Mass.; and his children are: Elvira, Lyman, Sadie, Clara, Ralph W., and Arthur W. Nathaniel married Amanda Blake, and has one son, William. Alvah married Amanda Green, and has one son, Lewis. Mary is the widow of Eliphalet Miller, and has no children. Nancy is the widow of a Mr. Novin, late of Minneapolis, Minn., and has three children — Fred, Clara, and Ida.

Peabody Hodgdon Adams was educated in the schools of Barnstead and Loudon, N.H. After completing his studies, he learned the carpenter's trade with his father, and subsequently followed it and farming for many years in Loudon. In 1865 he moved to Pittsfield, where he bought a farm located on Concord Hill; and he resided there until 1876. In 1874, with his son, Frank W., he formed the firm, P. H. Adams & Co., who have since conducted a profitable general mercantile business.

On March 15, 1847, Mr. Adams wedded Martha S. Wells, daughter of Stephen Wells, of Loudon, N.H. Of their three children two are living — Elizabeth and Frank W. Elizabeth is the wife of Clarence Johnson, of Pittsfield; and her children are: Scott A. and Edward L. Frank W. married Hattie Marston, daughter of John Marston, of this town, and has one daughter, Abbie A. Mrs. P. H. Adams died October 17, 1893. In politics Mr. Adams is a Republican, and he has served with ability as a Selectman for three years. He attends the Free Will Baptist church, of which the late Mrs. Adams was a member.

JOSEPH RUSSELL, Esq., a merchant of Sunapee, was born July 8, 1836, son of Jonathan and Phœbe (Hazelton) Russell. His father, Jonathan Russell, a na-

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tive of Manchester, N.H., born July 20, 1801, who was an industrious, hard-working man, spent the most of his life in New London, George's Mills, and Springfield, N.H. For his first wife he married Hannah Johnson, who died November 8, 1825, in Chester, N.H. They had two children, both now deceased, namely: Robinson, born January 22, 1822; and John, born April 22, 1825. His second wife, in maidenhood Phœbe Hazelton, who was born September 20, 1800, in New London, had four children, as follows: William, born December 4, 1829; Oliver, born October 2, 1831; Jonathan, born October 13, 1833; and Joseph, the subject of this sketch. Of these children William is deceased; Oliver is at present living in Lawrence, Mass.; and Jonathan is in Lawrence, Kan. Afterward he successively married Sarah Hazelton and Anna M. Frothingham. He died March 8, 1884.

Joseph Russell received his early education in the schools of New London. When quite young he began to work on his father's farm. At the age of twenty years he engaged in general farming on his own account, and was so occupied until 1829. Then he started in trade in Otterville, where he remained about seven years. Subsequently, after staying in Sunapee for a short time, he went back to New London, and engaged in lumbering and farming. In 1882 he again removed to Sunapee, and opened a general store, which he carried on until a short time ago, when he sold out. Now, besides following the business of auctioneer, he is a partner in the firm of Maxson & Co., who conduct a general store. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a Justice of the Peace and Quorum, and he has been Selectman, Supervisor, and Moderator.

In 1856 he married for his first wife Harriett Palmer, who died January 5, 1889. She left one child, Roena A. Russell, born December 24, 1861, who now lives in Dundee, Ill., and is the wife of S. M. Abbott. On February 26, 1890, he married Ella M. Emerson, who was born in Grantham, N.H., January 16, 1862, daughter of John and Mary Emerson. By this union there were two children: Floyd, who died at the age of one year; and Leighton J., born June 10, 1891. In religion Mr. Russell and Mrs. Russell are liberals. He has been quite successful in his business, being a hard worker and very industrious. He is a prominent man in the community, and has the respect of his fellow-townsmen.

GREN OSGOOD, a substantial farmer of Newport, was born there, June 22, 1818, son of Lemuel and Hannah (Spaulding) Osgood. His grandfather, William Osgood, one of the early settlers of the district, took up a farm and built a log house when the place was still a part of the wilderness and was infested by bears. The log house was destroyed by fire, and another wooden structure was built, in which the family afterward lived. The same building is now standing, and is used as a wagon-house at the present time. William was industrious and persevering, and added fifty acres to the farm before his death. He had a wife, Priscilla, who bore him seven children — William, Susanna, James, Priscilla, Lemuel, Lydia, and Mathias. James Osgood took part in the War of 1812. His father, William, fought in the Revolution, and was in the battle of Ticonderoga. His death occurred at the age of seventy-five years.

Lemuel Osgood was also a farmer, and inherited the old place, to which he added land and improvements. His entire life of ninety-three years, with the exception of a few months, was spent in Newport. His wife died

at the age of seventy-five. They were both members of the Congregational church. He was a Whig and later a Republican. Of his three children two are now living. Hannah died at the age of fifty. Lucy S., born in 1823, October 25, lives with her brother on the old homestead.

Orren Osgood inherited the old home, which is located upon a beautiful site. Here he has followed general farming throughout his active period. He has never married; and he shares his home with his sister, Miss Lucy S. Osgood. The farm now contains two hundred acres of well-improved land. He is a liberal in religious belief and a Republican in politics. He represented his district in 1870 and 1871, and has held other minor offices.

WALTER BRIGHAM BARNES, who for many years has been engaged in the dressed beef business in Henniker, is a son of Captain Harry and Mary Polly (Campbell) Barnes. The father, a native of Henniker, born February 20, 1790, who was but four years old when his mother died, lived with his uncle, Elisha Barnes, until he reached the age of twelve. After a short stay with his father, Harry Barnes next went to reside with Ezekiel Smith, and remained with him until he was eighteen. He then went to Dunbarton, N.H., and was for a time employed by Dominie Walter Harris, whose first name he gave his first son. After his marriage he bought widow David Campbell's third of the Campbell farm, which was situated on the Hillsborough Road. This property, containing seventy-five acres of land, was partially covered with timber, which he cleared away; while he carried on general farming until 1864, when he retired. The farm afterward passed into other hands, and was divided into village lots. Captain Harry Barnes passed his last days in the village, occupying the house which is now owned by George Gove; and he died September 18, 1876, aged eighty-six years and seven months. He was for some time Captain of the Henniker Rifles, a company belonging to the State militia. For forty-five years he was a member of the Congregational church. His wife, Mary, whom he married December 1, 1814, was born in Henniker, February 21, 1793, daughter of Major David Campbell. Their married life extended over a period of sixty-one years. She became the mother of five children — Walter, Sarah Almeda, Livonia S., Mary E., and Walter B. Walter was born November 1, 1816, and died at the age of fifteen. Sarah Almeda is residing in Nashua, N.H., and is the widow of Joseph F. Andrews. Her late husband, who was a contractor and builder, raised a company in Concord, and served as a Major in the Civil War. Livonia S., who was born December 16, 1822, married Hiram A. Campbell, of Henniker, who died in January, 1895. Mary E., who was born March 22, 1827, married Charles C. Gove, a native of Acworth, N.H., and now a mechanic and builder in North Palmer, N.Y. Mrs. Harry Barnes died October 11, 1875, aged eighty-two years and eight months.

Walter Brigham Barnes was born February 19, 1832, in Henniker, and there attended school. At the age of twenty-one he commenced to learn the butchering business with George W. Rice, for whom he worked four years. In 1857 he bought the business of his employer, including the farm where he now resides. He survived the business depression that preceded the breaking out of the Rebellion; and the revival following that event not only enabled him to cancel all of his debts, but placed him upon a good financial basis.

He continued in the wholesale and retail meat business, driving a cart in this section for nineteen years, dressing beef and veal for the markets of Manchester and Boston, and being associated as a partner with his old employer, Mr. Rice, for two years. He was also engaged in buying cattle for slaughter until the trade was monopolized by the large Western beef companies.

On October 13, 1857, Mr. Barnes married Eliza J. Tucker, a native of Henniker, and a daughter of Horace and Mary C. (Dow) Tucker. Their daughter, Ida M., was several years employed in a store in Keene, N.H., but on account of her mother's failing eyesight returned home. She is interested in the breeding of fancy poultry, and has some choice specimens of red Leghorn and light Brahmas. In politics Mr. Barnes is a Democrat. He has figured quite prominently as a party leader in the locality, is frequently a delegate to the State and District Conventions and he represented this town in the legislature in 1876.

HERBERT M. KIMBALL, a skilful, intelligent, and highly successful farmer of Hopkinton, was born in this town, December 20, 1862, a son of Moses T. and Mary F. (Smith) Kimball, and a grandson of Nathaniel Kimball. A more extended history of his ancestors may be found on another page of this volume, in connection with the sketch of Gilman B. Kimball, his brother.

Mr. Kimball has been engaged in agricultural pursuits from early youth. Since arriving at man's estate, he has also, in partnership with his brother, carried on a large business in lumbering and dairying. He lived on the old homestead until his marriage, when for a time he occupied the old Charles Merrill farm. Since selling that he has occupied the John Page estate, which the brothers purchased at a bargain three or more years ago. He has a dairy of twenty cows, and runs a large milk route; and he keeps two men busily employed on the farm. He sells a considerable amount of hay each season, and often raises a good deal of corn, his 1896 crop amounting to nine hundred bushels. Mr. Kimball is a firm Democrat of the Cleveland type, and is usually a delegate to the party conventions. In 1894 he was elected a Representative to the State legislature for 1895 and 1896, defeating the Republican candidate, E. D. French, his election in a Republican stronghold showing his great popularity. He is interested in the grange, having been a member of the State organization, and is a member of Union Grange, No. 58, of which he was Master two years.

Mr. Kimball was married October 6, 1886, to Miss M. Abbie Colby, daughter of Francis W. and Paulina P. (Wheeler) Colby, the former of whom was born in Bow, the birthplace of Mrs. Kimball, and the latter in Dunbarton. Mr. and Mrs. Kimball have two children — Edgar Herbert and Grace Paulina.

SAMUEL A. MORRILL, farmer and carpenter of Canterbury, Merrimack County, was born May 26, 1827, in the house that he now occupies. His parents were Nathaniel and Sallie S. (Morrill) Morrill. His paternal grandfather was Samuel Morrill, a farmer of Boscawen, where he always lived. Nathaniel Morrill removed from Boscawen to Canterbury in 1821, settling upon this farm. He died in the winter of 1836, at the age of forty-seven years, his wife surviving him until August, 1861. They had

seven children. The eldest, a daughter, Emily, born March 3, 1821, married Abram Fitz. Catherine, the second child, was born August 27, 1823, and died at the age of seventeen years. Reuben, the third child, was born August 11, 1825, and died in East Concord, N.H. He married Hannah McCoy, who now lives in Boston. Samuel A. was the fourth child. Charles F., the third son, married first Martha M. Roby, second Ann Sawyer, and third Roxey James. He is a farmer and carpenter, and resides with his wife in Canterbury. Elizabeth was born March 7, 1831, and died April 24, 1832. The youngest child is Elder Enoch Morrill, born September 16, 1833, who is a jeweller by trade, and is an Advent preacher. He resides in Hampton, N.H. His first wife was Angeline Stevens, and his second Augusta Mace, of Seabrook, N.H.

The Morrill children all received a common-school education. Samuel A. had the additional advantage of two terms in the academy at Boscawen, and after finishing his studies he taught school five winters. He was in his tenth year when his father died. When he was twenty-one years old he had learned the carpenter's trade, and he then took the entire charge of the farm. On April 10, 1851, he married Miss Mary E. Garland, who was born October 23, 1830, daughter of Nathaniel and Abigail Garland, of South Berwick, Me. Her father was a merchant, a hotel man, and a teamster. After marriage Mr. Morrill went to Massachusetts, and spent a year in Winchester and Lawrence, employed as a carpenter. Since that time he has lived on the old homestead. He now owns about one hundred acres of good farm land, well improved, and does some dairy business, still working more or less at his trade.

He always takes an active interest in politics, voting the Republican ticket; and, though heretofore he has held no office, he is now candidate for Supervisor. Mr. and Mrs. Morrill are both members of the Congregational church, in which they are among the most active workers, Mr. Morrill having been a member of this church since fifteen years of age. They have one adopted child, George A., who lives near the farm, and whose son, Harry R., now resides with them.

CHARLES W. HARDY, who owns one of the most fertile farms in Boscawen, Merrimack County, was born in Warner, N.H., July 19, 1834, son of Ozias and Lavinia (Barton) Hardy. His grandfather, Silas Hardy, was a prosperous farmer, who resided for a time in Hopkinton, N.H., from which town he removed to Warner.

Ozias Hardy was brought up to agriculture, which calling he followed through life. He owned farms in Warner and Hopkinton, and spent his last days in the latter town, dying about the year 1850. His wife, Lavinia Barton Hardy, who was a native of Stoddard, N.H., became the mother of five children: Samuel; Eliza A.; Woodbury; Charles W., the subject of this sketch; and Sanford. Samuel married Abbie Ann Putney, who is no longer living; and he resides in Hopkinton. Eliza A. died at the age of seventeen years. Woodbury married Ellen Price, and lives in Hopkinton. Sanford, who died in 1896, married for his first wife Louise Sanford. His second wife was Nettie Barr; and she now resides in Aurora, Ill. Mrs. Ozias Hardy died in 1881.

Charles W. Hardy was educated in the common schools and at the Contoocook Academy. When twenty years old he was employed upon

a farm in Danvers, Mass., where he remained a year. Then, returning home, he worked some time as a farm assistant in and around his native town. In 1860 he went to Illinois, where he was foreman upon a large farm for five years. He subsequently returned East, and about 1872 came to Boscawen, purchasing the farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres which he now occupies. He carries on general farming and dairying, and raises a considerable amount of fruit.

On April 28, 1872, Mr. Hardy was married in Hopkinton to Miss Mary George, who was born in Webster, Merrimack County, N.H., June 22, 1849, a daughter of William D. and Submit (Swett) George. Her father is a native of Candia, N.H., and her mother of Webster. They are prosperous farming people, and reside in Webster. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy have become the parents of four children, namely: Alice M., born February 21, 1873; Albert Sanford, born April 25, 1875; Mattie Louise, born April 28, 1876, and who is now a teacher; and Florence Etta, born October 12, 1878.

In politics Mr. Hardy is a Republican. He takes an active interest in political affairs, and has voted at every election but one since attaining his majority; and he has ably filled some of the public offices. He is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, and he and Mrs. Hardy are members of the Congregational church.

REV. JAMES NOYES, Superintendent of the New Hampshire Orphans' Home, in the town of Franklin, Merrimack County, is a native of Columbia, Coos County, N.H. He was born July 2, 1835, son of Eleazer and Sophronia (Cass) Noyes. His father was a native of Colebrook, N.H.; and he lived there until he removed to a farm in Columbia, where he died in June, 1842. He was a pioneer farmer of the town. His wife was from Lyman, N.H. She married for a second husband William Alexander, and after his death married a Mr. Johnson, also now deceased. She died in August, 1885. The children by her first marriage were five in number: Charles, of Concord, N.H.; James, above named; John Wesley, deceased; Elmira, wife of David Sanborn, of North Woodstock, N.H.; Parker J., of Lancaster, N.H.

James Noyes received his early education at Newbury Seminary, Vermont. On December 1, 1861, he enlisted in Company C of the Eighth Vermont Infantry, under Colonel Thomas and Captain Foster, and did service in this company in the Gulf Department until transferred from the Eighth Vermont, in 1862, to the Second Louisiana National Guards. Mr. Noyes was appointed Sergeant Major, was promoted to position of First Lieutenant, and afterward became Captain of Company G, later known as the Seventy-fourth U. S. C. I. He remained in active service for four years, and was honorably discharged in October, 1865. Returning to Newbury, Vt., at the close of his military career, he there attended the seminary for post-graduate work; and, entering the Theological School of the Boston University in the fall of 1866, he graduated from the three years' course in 1869, and at once joined the New Hampshire Conference. He was located at Methuen, Mass., for three years, and was afterward stationed as follows, to wit: at Suncook, Lancaster, Portsmouth, Amesbury, Mass., Milford, N.H., Winchester, Newport, and Franklin Falls, N.H., leaving the pulpit then to take charge of the Orphans' Home at Franklin, N.H.

On February 19, 1859, Mr. Noyes married Amy E. Scott, of Newbury, Vt., a daughter

of the Rev. Orange Scott and his wife, Mrs. Eliza Dearborn Scott. Her father is dead; and her mother, now ninety-four years of age, resides with the Rev. Mr. Quimby, of Penacook. Mrs. Amy E. S. Noyes died December 4, 1875; and Mr. Noyes married in September, 1876, Miss Fannie M. Barker, of Derry, N.H., daughter of Mr. Benjamin Barker, deceased. There are three children by the first marriage: Fred S., a compositor in the employ of the Methodist Book Concern, New York City; Frank W., engaged in the dry-goods business in Franklin, Mass.; and Amy F., a student at the Conservatory of Music in Boston. The only child by the second marriage of Mr. Noyes is Clara L., who is now taking a course at the College of Liberal Arts, Boston University.

The New Hampshire Orphans' Home, of which Mr. Noyes is the efficient Superintendent, was founded by the Rev. Daniel A. Mack, of Plainfield, Vt., and was established and chartered in October, 1871. The institution is located in the town of Franklin, in the beautiful valley of the Merrimac, eighteen miles from Concord. Here was the boyhood home of Daniel Webster. He became the owner and retained possession while he lived, and he made annual pilgrimages to it after he had become a leading man in the nation. The family mansion still remains as a part of the Home, which also includes a building for the nursery and the farm. The nursery was added to the Home in 1894 at an expense of about sixteen thousand dollars, this sum being covered by subscription during the year. The Orphans' Home is a private charity and is non-sectarian. More than one hundred homeless children have here received education and kindly loving care during the year just passed, and more than seven hundred in all have thus been cared for since the Home was established. In the school-rooms the common branches and kindergarten studies are taken up. The place is essentially a great farm home, with as little of the "institution" in its management and atmosphere as is consistent with discipline and good order. Mr. Noyes, who began his labors October 1, 1887, has carried on the good work begun by his predecessors in the most admirable manner and to the satisfaction of all interested in the welfare of the little ones in his charge. Mrs. Noyes as matron presides, and the nine years of their service has been a period of great prosperity and usefulness. Mr. Noyes is well known throughout the county, and is much respected as a man whose life has been animated by the most unselfish motives in working for others.

WILLIAM C. HOBART, a retired carpenter of North Charlestown, Sullivan County, N.H., was born in Hebron, N.H. In early life he went to Unity, where in 1848 he purchased a farm; and he was successfully engaged in farming in that town for twenty years. In 1870 he removed to Charlestown, where he now resides. He is a carpenter by trade, and until late years has done a great deal of building in Charlestown and the vicinity. He holds membership in the Claremont and Charlestown Masonic Lodge, No. 12. He is also a prominent member of the Methodist church, of which he has been steward for many years. In 1853 he married Emily Hunton, of Unity; and they had one child — Frank Hunton Hobart, born in 1858, who died in infancy. His wife dying, in 1868 Mr. Hobart married for his second wife Mrs. Spencer, widow of George P. Spencer, M.D., and daughter of Harvey Brigham, of Unity, a representative of one of the oldest and best

known families of that locality. Mr. Hobart has retired from active work at his trade, but is still regarded as one of the useful and substantial citizens of the town.

GEORGE W. MERRILL, a well-known farmer of Loudon, N.H., is a native of this town, born March 31, 1855, a son of Bela C. and Sarah (Pickron) Merrill. His father was a native of Gilmanton, N.H., and his mother of Barnstead, N.H.

Paul Merrill, the paternal grandfather of George W., was a New Hampshire man, and settled on a farm in Gilmanton, where he lived the greater part of his life. Bela Merrill was a farmer in the same town, remaining there until about 1854, when he came to Loudon. Here he resided with his son, the subject of this sketch, till his death, which took place in November, 1880. His wife passed away many years before, about 1859. Their family number eight children, as follows: Arvilla, Alexander C., Eliza, Bela T., Maria, Lurana, Hollis R., and George W. The first of these, Arvilla, is the widow of Jonathan Brown, and resides with her brother, George W., as does also Alexander C. Bela T. married Eliza A. Young; and they live in Pittsfield, N.H. Maria became the wife of Eben Hayes, and they reside in Gilmanton. Lurana is the widow of Loren Coolidge; and her home is in Minneapolis, Minn. Hollis R. and Eliza are both deceased. The latter married Thomas Osborn, who now resides in Iowa. The members of this large family were all given the benefit of a common and high school education.

George W. Merrill, after the death of his mother, which occurred when he was about four years old, resided on his present farm with his father. After the latter's death he took charge of the place. He carries on general farming, and also makes a specialty of fruit-raising. He now owns one hundred and twenty acres, and he has improved the property in a marked degree. Mr. Merrill was married February 25, 1880, to Aneda H. Smith, of Gilmanton. Mrs. Merrill is a daughter of Edwin and Jane (Evans) Smith, both natives of Topsfield, Mass., but who now reside in Gilmanton, where Mr. Smith is engaged in teaming and farming. His children were eleven in number, ten of whom are living. Their names are: Edward Everett (deceased), Aneda (Mrs. Merrill), Earlville L., William, Alice, Horace H., Ernest C., Lillian E., Berta M., Myrta B., and Daisy M. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill have five children — George E., Jennie I., Clarence C., Frank L., and Maud C. — all of whom still remain under the parental roof. Mr. Merrill is now on the Board of Selectmen, and holds other minor offices. In politics he is a Democrat, and has always voted the Democratic ticket.

ETHAN N. SPENCER, who is engaged in the fish business in Concord, was born in the town of Barton, Vt., January 22, 1850, son of John C. and Mary (Knox) Spencer. John C. Spencer, the father of our subject, who was born in Peacham, Vt., removed from his native town to Barton, there bought a farm, and spent the remainder of his life occupied in its cultivation and improvement. He died when about sixty years of age. His wife, Mary Knox, had four children, namely: Adele, who died young; Ethan N., the subject of this sketch; Nancy, who died in infancy; and Wallace, who is a farmer in Charlestown, Vt.

After receiving his education in the district schools of Barton, Ethan N. Spencer was for

seven years employed as an attendant in the New Hampshire Insane Asylum, and subsequently for one year with an undertaker. In 1877 he opened a market for the sale of oysters and other fish in the same town, and has successfully continued it ever since. Well regarded by his fellow-citizens, he was elected to represent Ward Six in the city government in the autumn of 1896. In 1872 he married Charlotte A. Perry, a daughter of Dr. Eli Perry, of Ryegate. They have two children: Fred E., who married the daughter of William J. Fernald; and Margaret Adele.

Mr. Spencer has always been a Republican in his politics, and he cast his first Presidential ballot for General U. S. Grant in 1872. Filling a prominent part in the fraternal organizations of Concord, he is a Mason of the thirty-second degree, Master of the Blazing Star Lodge, F. & A. M., of Concord, and an active member of the Order of Odd Fellows. He is a useful and much respected citizen.

PHILIP SARGENT, a retired brick manufacturer of Allenstown and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Allenstown, N.H., August 16, 1822, son of Sterling and Sally (Gault) Sargent. The Sargents are of English descent, and the origin of the family dates far back into the Middle Ages. Its history is directly traced, however, through eight generations to Richard Sargent, who is supposed to have been an officer in the Royal Navy of England. His son William came to America, and located in Ipswich, Mass., in 1633. From Ipswich he went to Newbury, Mass., and later to Hampton, N.H. He was a pioneer in the two last-named places, and was one of the first in each to receive land grants. He finally settled in that part of old Salisbury, Mass., which in 1668, as a separate town, received the name of Amesbury. His first wife was Judith Perkins, and his second was Elizabeth Perkins; and it is supposed that they were sisters. His sons were by his second union. William Sargent, Jr., the next in this line, was born in Amesbury, Mass., January 2, 1646. On September 23, 1668, he wedded Mary Colby, who was born September 19, 1647, daughter of Anthony Colby. Philip Sargent, son of William Sargent, second, was born in Amesbury, August 12, 1672. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Tewksbury, and she was also a native of Amesbury. It is supposed that several children were born of this union, but Jonathan is the only child of whom there is any record. Jonathan Sargent and his wife Jemima had two sons — Jonathan, Jr., and Sterling.

Sterling Sargent was born in Salisbury, Mass., May 25, 1731. When a young man he settled in Allenstown, N.H., where he followed agricultural pursuits during the active period of his life; and he lived to reach a good old age. He was three times married. By his union with Lydia Coffin, his first wife, he had five children, his son Philip being the youngest. His second wife, Mehitable Davis, with whom he was united September 24, 1785, was a native of Amesbury. His third wife, Mary Andrews, of Pembroke, N.H., whom he married on February 11, 1788, died in February, 1820.

Philip Sargent, first, son of Sterling Sargent and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Allenstown, March 21, 1765. He was a prosperous farmer and a lifelong resident of this town. On September 22, 1793, he married Sally Perrin, a native of Pembroke. The only child of this union was named Sterling. Philip Sargent, first, died February 21, 1820.

Sterling Sargent, second, was born in Allenstown, in 1794. He enlisted for service in the War of 1812, joining Captain Samuel Collins's company in 1814, and serving in John Montgomery's brigade, under General Nathaniel Fiske. He was a good musician, and is thought to have been commissioned a Drum Major. After his return from the army he engaged in the manufacturing of brick in Allenstown, and followed that business successfully for many years in connection with farming. He was one of the stirring business men and prominent citizens of his day, and as a stanch supporter of the Democratic party he took a leading part in public affairs. For a number of terms he was a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he represented this district in the legislature for eight years. He was well advanced in Masonry. Sterling Sargent died at his home in Allenstown at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, Sally Gault, whom he married December 29, 1814, was a daughter of Matthew Gault, of Hookset, N.H., who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. She became the mother of eleven children, and of these five are living, namely: Philip, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Sally Hartwell; Mrs. W. F. Head; Warren Sargent; and Abbie, who is the wife of Nathaniel B. Emery, of Pembroke, N.H., and has two children — Frederick P. and Nathaniel B., Jr. Mrs. Sally Gault Sargent died at the age of sixty-seven years. Both parents were attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Philip Sargent began his education in the common schools, and completed his studies at Pembroke Gymnasium. He assisted his father for a time, later becoming a partner in the business and being associated with him for a number of years. For a time he carried on a brick manufactory alone; and later, in partnership with his brother Warren, he conducted a thriving and profitable business for a period of thirty years. In 1891 he retired from active pursuits, and has since been enjoying a well-earned rest.

On December 31, 1849, Mr. Sargent was united in marriage with Phœbe A. Williams, daughter of Charles K. and Abbie (Emery) Williams. Mrs. Sargent is the mother of one daughter, Ellen F. Politically, Mr. Sargent is a Democrat. He has always been active in forwarding all measures conducive to public improvement, but has never aspired to any of the town offices. He was persuaded to accept the nomination for Representative to the legislature in 1878, and, being elected, served with ability for one term. Mr. and Mrs. Sargent attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

COLONEL CHARLES H. LONG, station agent at Claremont and a brilliant military man, was born here, March 14, 1834, son of Charles F. and Caroline J. (Hubbard) Long. The grandfather, Simeon Long, who was the captain of a whaling vessel, came to Claremont from Nantucket about the year 1810. His son, Charles, learned the printer's trade in New Bedford, but later followed the sea for the benefit of his health, employed on a merchant vessel for twenty-three years. In 1843 Charles returned to Claremont and took up farming. Thereafter he prospered in every way, taking a prominent part in local politics, and marrying into one of the leading families of the place. His wife, Caroline J., was a daughter of Isaac, who was a son of George Hubbard, a Lieutenant in the war of the Revolution and a pioneer of Claremont. Isaac died in Claremont in 1861, leaving four children — Amos C., the Rev. Isaac Hubbard, Caroline, and

Sarah. The old Hubbard estate descended to Caroline J. Hubbard Long, who left it to her son Isaac. The latter now resides there with his sister Charlotte.

Charles H. Long attended the district schools of his native town, and graduated from the Norwich Military University in 1855. He then went home to assist his father on the farm. In April, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil War, and was at first employed to drill recruits at Newport, Concord, Dover, Portsmouth, and at other places in New Hampshire. When the Fifth New Hampshire Infantry was raised in the following September, he was made Captain of one of the regiment's companies; and in the ensuing year he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of the Seventeenth New Hampshire Regiment. At the battle of Antietam, September 17, 1862, he was severely wounded by a minié ball; and he resigned November 6. On April 17, 1863, he was commissioned Captain of Company A, First New Hampshire Regiment, and was authorized to raise a company of heavy artillery to garrison the defences of Portsmouth. During the summer of 1864 a full regiment was raised, and he was commissioned its Colonel. It subsequently served in the defences of Washington. In November Colonel Long was appointed to the command of the First Brigade, Hardin's division, Twenty-second Army Corps, a post which he afterward held until the close of the war. His regiment was mustered out June 15, 1865. Colonel Long made a high record during his four years of service, and his superior officers have always a word of praise for his bravery and ability. He was in Washington at the time of the assassination of President Lincoln. Since the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic he has been an honored member. He has been Junior Vice-Commander and for one year he was Commander of the Post. In politics he is a Republican; and he was for two terms in the State legislature, representing Claremont and serving on the Military Committee. He is now Eminent Commander of Sullivan Commandery, No. 6, K. T., having passed through all the chairs. At the opening of the Concord & Claremont Railroad, Colonel Long was appointed station agent, a position which has since grown to be one of much responsibility. He married Stella E., a daughter of James Cook. They have no children.

JOHN T. TENNEY, an influential citizen of Concord, N.H., was born January 11, 1842, on the farm where he now resides, and is the son of the late Thompson Tenney, who was born at the same place.

Thompson Tenney followed the trade of carpenter for about twenty years. He also owned a farm of two hundred and fifty acres, and did an extensive farming business for thirty-five years, principally in the line of milk produce for the Concord trade. The fine set of farm buildings now owned by John T. Tenney were built by his father. Thompson Tenney was one of the Board of Aldermen of the city, and was Selectman of his ward. His wife was Harriet N. Corliss, daughter of John Corliss, of Concord. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Tenney; namely, Mary L., Abby Augusta, and John T. Mary L. is the widow of Charles H. Potter, the son of Judge Jacob Potter, of Concord; and she has one child — Hattie May, who is the wife of Frank Douglass, of Winthrop, Mass.

After studying in the public schools of Concord in his early years, John T. Tenney attended the academies at Loudon and at Con-

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toocook, also the academy at Boscawen Plains, thus acquiring a good education. He has always been a farmer, and has devoted himself principally to producing milk. He keeps about twenty cows, and has some fifty acres of tillage land. Mr. Tenney and his wife, Hattie E. Phippin Tenney, have one son — Arthur H., who married Lillian Coon. In 1892 Mr. and Mrs. Tenney suffered a severe affliction in the death of their beloved daughter, Gracie May, at the age of thirteen years.

Always interested in whatever concerns the general welfare of his native city, Mr. Tenney has devoted much time and attention to questions of municipal progress and reform. He has been Selectman of his ward, and has served in both branches of the city government, having been Common Councilman and Alderman. He has always been a steadfast Democrat, and he cast his first Presidential vote in 1864 for General McClellan.

COLONEL SOLON AUGUSTUS CARTER, Treasurer of New Hampshire, is one of the busiest citizens of Concord; for, in addition to the duties of his responsible position in the executive department of the State government, he is actively concerned in a number of financial enterprises, and holds high office in several social organizations. He was born in Leominster, Mass., June 22, 1837. His parents, Solon and Lucretia (Joslin) Carter, were natives of the town of Leominster. Colonel Carter is seventh in descent from Thomas Carter, who left St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England, for this country in 1635, and was ordained and settled in 1642 as the first minister in Woburn, Mass. The Colonel's father was a farmer of Leominster.

Solon Augustus Carter attended the public schools of Leominster, graduating in 1855, when he was eighteen years old. For four years after leaving school, he divided his time between farm work and teaching, making his home in Leominster. In 1859 he removed to Keene, N.H.; and in September, 1862, he was appointed Captain of Company G, Fourteenth New Hampshire Volunteers. He was in command of this company until July, 1863, when he was assigned to recruiting duty in Concord, N.H., acting as Assistant Adjutant-general on the staff of Brigadier-general Hincks; and in April, 1864, he was made acting Assistant Adjutant-general of the Third Division, Eighteenth Army Corps (colored). This body of troops was organized at Fortress Monroe by General Hincks. In July, 1864, Mr. Carter was commissioned Assistant Adjutant-general with the rank of Captain; but he continued to serve with the colored division from the time of its organization till the close of the war. He was in the campaign before Petersburg and Richmond during the summer and autumn of 1864, in both expeditions to Fort Fisher, and in the campaign from Fort Fisher to Raleigh. Receiving his discharge July 7, 1865, he returned to Keene, N.H., and was employed there as a clerk until June, 1872. In 1885, on the organization of the Union Guarantee Savings Bank of Concord, he was elected President. He still holds that office, and he is a Director of the First National Bank of this city. Colonel Carter has been a prominent figure among the Republicans of this district since the close of the war.

In June, 1872, he was elected State Treasurer; and so efficiently has he discharged his duties that he has been retained in office twenty-three years, losing but one year since 1872, from June, 1874, to June, 1875. He was nominated by ballot in 1872, and each

successive nomination has been by acclamation.

He was married December 13, 1860, to Emily A. Conant, of Leominster, Mass., and has two children: Edith Hincks; and Florence Gertrude, wife of Edward P. Comins, of Concord. As a Grand Army man Colonel Carter is a member of E. E. Sturtevant Post, No. 2, of Concord, N.H.; and he is a member of the Massachusetts Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. As a Mason he belongs to Social Friends Lodge, No. 42, of Keene, N.H.; is Past High Priest of Cheshire Royal Arch Chapter; is a member of St. John's Council; is Past Eminent Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery, K. T., of Keene; belongs to Edward A. Raymond Consistory, of Nashua; is Past Master of the Blue Lodge; Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery. He is very popular as a society man, and has a multitude of friends.

FRANKLIN J. PIERCE, a successful business man of Claremont in the eighties, was born in Chester, Vt., August 5, 1848, the seventh child of Joseph G. and Hannah (Hemenway) Pierce. At the age of eighteen Mr. Pierce entered business life in Windsor, Vt., in the capacity of clerk in one of the stores. Afterward, in Claremont, he followed in turn the business of clothier and that of shoe dealer. Later for a short time, he was a druggist in Lawrence, Mass. Ill beyond recovery, he was obliged to return home from Lawrence; and he died February 13, 1886. The maiden name of his wife was Martha E. Wheeler. She was a daughter of Sylvester and Persis E. (King) Wheeler, of Claremont. Of his five children four died in infancy. The survivor is George R. W. Pierce, who was born November 28, 1878.

The first Wheeler of the Claremont family was Deacon Moses, who came from New Ipswich, N.H. He was for some years the owner of a foundry. He also had land and houses, and at one time he was the butcher of Claremont. He first married Lydia Parker, of Lempster, N.H., and afterward one of the Dexters of Dexter Hill. The two children of his second marriage died in infancy. Those of his first wife were: Philena and Lucinda, who never married; Martha, who died young; Maria, who married Caleb B. Ellis; and Sylvester, who married the daughter of Adolphus King, of Newport, N.H. Sylvester Wheeler, who is said to have been a typical Yankee, began trading at an early age. He kept a livery stable at the lower village for many years, and was engaged in buying and selling throughout the greater part of his life. He died in 1890, at the age of seventy-nine. His wife survived him until June 21, 1893. They had three children, namely: Orange S., who died in 1879, at the age of twenty-nine; M. Nellie, who, born in 1860, died in 1867; and Martha E., born May 30, 1854, who was educated in Claremont and attended the Stevens High School. Mr. Pierce is survived by his widow and their son, George. In life he was much attached to the Congregational church, of which he was an esteemed member. He was a charitable man and of sound principles.

GEORGE OGILVIE, a substantial and well-known agriculturist of the town of Sutton, Merrimack County, was born March 21, 1815, on a farm in Newbury, N.H., about three miles from his present

home. His father, George Ogilvie, first, was born in March, 1776, in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, and died in Newbury, in September, 1865. When about sixteen years old, George Ogilvie, first, entered upon a sailor's life, and was subsequently impressed into the British naval service. While stationed at a port in Holland, he and forty others deserted, and, reaching an American vessel, were conveyed to New England. He located in Beverly, Mass., and for some years continued to follow the sea, serving successively as second and first mate. During his voyages he visited many foreign ports, including several in the East Indies and on the Baltic Sea. The embargo of 1812 crippled for a time the commercial interests of New England, and he accordingly gave up maritime life. While in Beverly, he had married Joanna Thissell, a daughter of Richard Thissell and his wife, whose maiden name was Lovett. They having removed to Newbury, N.H., he followed them, accompanied by his young wife. Mr. Thissell's first wife died in Newbury; and he married Sarah Withington, and removed to Sutton, where both lived to an advanced age. One of his sons, William Thissell, was the former owner of the farm now owned and occupied by George Ogilvie, the subject of this sketch. He is the only survivor of the parental household, his sister Nancy, who was some years older than he, having died unmarried in Massachusetts.

George Ogilvie, second, started in life for himself at the age of twenty-one years, going to Henniker with but four dollars in his pocket as his sole cash capital. He worked as a farm hand for six months at twelve dollars a month, and sent the money to his parents to assist in paying off the mortgage on the farm. His first employer recommended him to a widow who needed a trustworthy and competent man to take charge of her land, and he remained in her employ two years. He subsequently engaged in work of various kinds, continuing to look after his parents; and he finally cleared off all indebtedness on the homestead, which he afterward sold. For ten years he lived in South Newbury, during a portion of this time being engaged in butchering. In 1866 he bought his present farm, which now contains one hundred acres of valley land; and he has since devoted himself to the leading branches of agriculture. His estate is well improved, and under his wise management has become one of the finest farms in Sutton. After coming here Mr. Ogilvie engaged to some extent in slaughtering, but has repeatedly declined to leave the farm to enter other lines of business. In politics he is a Republican to the backbone.

On January 26, 1843, he married Miss Lucy Ann Gillingham, a daughter of John and Phebe (Peabody) Gillingham. Her mother was a native of Middleton, Essex County, Mass. Mrs. Ogilvie was born in Danvers, Mass., in 1818, and died in Sutton, October 7, 1895, after a happy wedded life of more than half a century. Mr. and Mrs. Ogilvie had no children of their own, but adopted a girl, Rozina E. Ogilvie, when she was a child of three years. She received a good education, and since seventeen years of age has been engaged in teaching. She has taught nineteen consecutive terms, in the meanwhile residing at home.

GEORGE OSCAR DICKERMAN, the well-known wholesale grocer and provision dealer of Concord, was born in Loudon, N.H., February 13, 1847, son of Moses W. and Abigail (Tilton) Dickerman, the latter of Alexandria, N.H. He is of German ancestry on the paternal side, and among his ancestors were some of the

minute-men of the Revolution. His father was for twenty-seven years a master mechanic of the Concord Railroad Company.

George O. Dickerman received his education in the public schools of Concord. At the age of seventeen he entered the employ of Ward Humphrey & Co., of this city, as bookkeeper. Two years later he became assistant cashier for the Northern Railroad Company. For two years thereafter he was in a retail grocery store in this city. In 1871 he engaged as travelling salesman with Briggs & Shattuck, a prosperous business house in Boston, with whom he remained for fifteen years. He then, in 1887, established a wholesale grocery and provision store in this city, which has become one of the largest houses in that line in the State. In politics Mr. Dickerman is a stanch Republican. He has officiated as Alderman two years, and has also served as Commissioner of Cemeteries since that commission was inaugurated, being also Secretary of the Board.

On September 1, 1868, he was united in marriage with Mary A. Staniels, of Concord. They have two children — Luella A. and Gertrude E. Mr. Dickerman is a Mason, and has always taken a deep interest in the Masonic order. He has been highly honored by the fraternity, having been Master of Eureka Lodge, also Commander of Mount Horeb Commandery, K. T.; and he is at present at the head of Acacia Chapter of Rose Croix, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, being a Mason of the thirty-second degree. He is also President of the Webster Club, a social organization.

JOSEPH BARNARD, third, a prominent agriculturist, horticulturist, stock-grower, and lumberman, of Hopkinton, Merrimack County, N.H., was born November 11, 1817, on the farm that he now owns and occupies, he being the third of the name to hold a title to it. His grandfather, Joseph Barnard, the first of the name, so far as known, a native of Amesbury, Mass., coming to New Hampshire in 1765 or 1766, purchased land in the south-east part of Hopkinton. The land was bought of the Rev. James Scales, the first settled minister in Hopkinton, it having been granted to him by the original proprietors, John Jones and others. Grandfather Barnard lost his title to that land, as others did of their lands in the vicinity, by the claims of the "Bow Company," so called, and was given in exchange by the proprietors the land, previously unallotted, on which he established his home, and which is now occupied by his grandson and namesake, as mentioned above. It may be added as a part of this historical reminiscence that some land in the north-west part of the town of Hopkinton, north of the Contoocook River, was laid out in lots and sold at auction, to pay the expenses of the controversy with the Bow Company, the price received from the buyers, who were the Whites of Portsmouth, being ten cents an acre.

The Barnards of Hopkinton are probably descendants of Thomas Barnard, an early settler of Salisbury, Mass., who was one of the first Selectmen of that part of the old town that in 1668 was incorporated as Amesbury. Among his children were, it is said, a son Thomas, born in 1641, and Nathaniel, born in 1643. A Nathaniel Barnard, of Amesbury, evidently of a later generation, married Ruth French, of Kingston, N.H., and was the father of twelve children, including sons Joseph, Thomas, and Tristram, and a daughter, Mehitable, who married a Currier, and lived to be one hundred and three years old.

Joseph Barnard, first, son of Nathaniel and

Ruth, was born in Amesbury, Mass., January 12, 1737. In 1766 he removed to Hopkinton, as stated above, and, establishing a home here, worked as a farmer and ship-carpenter until his death, November 13, 1815. His first wife, Rhoda Currier Barnard, whom he married in Amesbury, died on April 7, 1794, leaving one daughter, Rhoda Currier, who married Ezra Morrill, of Hopkinton, and lived to the venerable age of ninety-three years. Joseph Barnard, first, married for his second wife Mrs. Olive Blake Hale, widow of Captain John Hale, an officer in the Revolutionary War. They had two children, Joseph, second, born May 6, 1795; and Sarah Ann, born April 12, 1798. Sarah Ann Barnard became the wife of Joshua Pierce, of Warner, but spent her last years in Manchester, N.H., where her death occurred August 22, 1869.

Joseph Barnard, second, father of the present Joseph, the special subject of this biographical sketch, was born, lived, and died on the old home farm, the date of his death being March 15, 1870. He did his full share of the pioneer work begun by his father, adding to the improvements already made on the original purchase of one hundred and fifty acres, clearing, fencing, and draining a large part of it. His father was somewhat assisted by slave labor, as is clearly shown by the copy of a deed now in the possession of Joseph Barnard, third, it being a bill of sale, dated March 29, 1777, given him by Ruth Currier, of Kingston, N.H., conveying unto him a negro man named Seeko. Mr. Barnard has likewise the indenture of a boy of thirteen years old, dated in 1769. This deed of sale proves conclusively that slavery once existed in the old Granite State, although the contrary has been persistently asserted by some high in authority. Joseph Barnard, second, was a man of far more than ordinary business ability. He invested largely in realty, and at his death owned several thousand acres in various townships, mostly timbered land, valued at seventy-five thousand dollars, one tract alone in Boscawen being appraised at fifty-two thousand dollars, while his entire estate amounted to about eighty thousand dollars. Naturally progressive, being quick to perceive the merits of anything new, he was the first to introduce Merino sheep and also Saxony sheep into the town; and in 1838 he received the first prize for the finest exhibit of wool in New York.

In June, 1816, Joseph Barnard, second, married Miriam J. Eastman, who was born on Horse Hill, Concord, N.H., December 6, 1799, a daughter of William Eastman, a Revolutionary soldier. They reared the following children: Joseph, third, whose name appears at the head of this sketch; Sally Ann, born April 3, 1819, who is now the widow of Daniel P. Dustin, late of Contoocook; Mary Jane, born August 29, 1821, now the wife of Charles N. Tuttle, of Contoocook; William E., born May 27, 1823, who died at Edgerton, Ohio, April 2, 1884; and Rhoda Currier, born February 19, 1827, who married Dr. Ephraim Wilson, and died August 4, 1852. Mrs. Miriam J. Eastman Barnard died September 17, 1869.

Joseph Barnard, third, remained with his parents until twenty-two years old, the last part of the time receiving ten dollars a month for his work on the farm; and while still in his minority he served four years as Quartermaster in the old Fortieth New Hampshire Regiment. After leaving home he spent two years as clerk in a store at Contoocook, and then went to Lowell, Mass., where he learned the stone-cutter's trade, working at first for one dollar and a half per day, and boarding

himself, but in a year receiving full wages. He was subsequently taken ill with the "Tyler Grip," an influenza similar to "La Grippe," with which so many of us are familiar. President Tyler, it will be remembered, made a tour of the Lowell mills and factories, interesting himself in the industries of the city; and on the second day of his stay, after large parades of civil and military companies, and ten thousand patriot girls dressed in white, he made an excellent speech of two hours' duration, in which he acknowledged the benefits of the tariff. In the following session of Congress, it may be added, he signed the tariff bill. The epidemic which broke out two weeks after his visit in Lowell was given his name.

While recuperating, Mr. Barnard returned to his boyhood home; and when there he purchased from his father a tract of timber land for eight hundred dollars, buying it, however, in opposition to his father's advice. Establishing himself then in the lumber business, he carried it on for thirty-five years, meeting with good success from the start. He supplied timber of all kinds for use in ship-building, his operations extending over several townships, in which he erected or hired mills, employing at different times forty men. The tallest mast timber in the State is found in the valleys of the Contoocook, Blackwater, and Warner Rivers, the regions in which he carried on his lumbering. During the late Rebellion he furnished much of the timber for naval supplies, and all the large timbers of "Ironsides," and most of the material for the "Kearsarge," which has recently been destroyed. In the *Granite Monthly* of May, 1893, is an article written by Mr. Barnard concerning the "Timbers of the Kearsarge," in which it is stated that Mr. Barnard and the Hon. J. H. Butler, of Nottingham, were associated in 1860 in Newburyport, Mass., in handling oak timber for ship-building, and in 1861 were called upon to furnish timber for gunboats, said timber to be of first quality. White oak is in its best state when from eighty-five to one hundred years old; and this they found in large quantities on a hill near Tyler Station in Hopkinton, N. H., and soon had a large force of men at work getting out white oak and yellow pine, sending to the Portsmouth Navy Yard a large part of the white oak of seven hundred and fifty thousand feet of timber for the building of the famous boat that received its name from the Kearsarge Mountain, which stands in plain view of the spot whereon its timbers were hewed.

Mr. Barnard resided in Contoocook twenty-five years of this time, and while there built in 1849 the Contoocook Valley Railway, extending from Contoocook to Hillsborough, fourteen and one-half miles, he being superintendent of construction, and furnishing much of the timber used. For several years he was officially connected with the road. He has also been Fire Claim Adjuster of the Concord Division of the Boston & Maine Railway for some years, an office that takes him quite often over the two hundred miles under his charge. Four years after the death of his father Mr. Barnard removed to the parental homestead, which he inherited; and he has since devoted much of his time to farming pursuits. He settled this estate, and has also settled many others in Merrimack County, usually by request, sometimes on commissions to appraise for tax purposes; and he is often called upon to estimate the timber on large tracts of land. For several years Mr. Barnard had charge of the water-power at Contoocook; and in 1870 and 1871 he represented that town in the State legislature, where he was one of the Committee on Towns and Parishes,

and worked for the establishment of a State Reform School. He was a member of the New Hampshire State Constitutional Convention in 1889. At the time of the war for the Union he was the enrolling officer in the Twentieth District, and the mainstay of the widows and fatherless, who trusted him implicitly, and whose confidence was not misplaced.

As a stock-raiser and dairyman Mr. Barnard breeds the Guernsey cattle, which he exhibits at the various fairs in this section of the State, invariably securing prizes, both on cattle and dairy products. It was largely through the exhibitions of stock that he has made that the Deerfoot Creamery was located at Contoocook, and his herd of Guernsey has stocked many of the large New England dairy farms. In the culture of fruit of all kinds he takes great interest; and at a horticultural fair in Concord, when over a hundred exhibits were entered, he took thirteen prizes and sweepstakes for the finest fruits. He is a member of various agricultural and horticultural societies and a contributor to many of the journals. In politics he was in early manhood a Democrat, and voted for Franklin Pierce for President, but since that time has supported the principles of the Republican party.

On October 26, 1849, Mr. Barnard married Maria Gerrish, who was born April 15, 1831, a daughter of Abiel and Eliza (Dodge) Gerrish. Her father was born on the present site of the county farm in Boscawen, and her mother in that part of Merrimack County now included in the town of Webster. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard are the parents of eight children, the following being their record: Ellen Maria, born March 1, 1851, died January 6, 1886; Joseph Henry, born October 12, 1852, died July 9, 1855; Abiel Gerrish, born January 8, 1855, was a lawyer in California; Joseph B., born March 17, 1857, died October 23, 1863; Mary Eliza, born January 11, 1859, is the wife of Jonathan Fowler, of South Sioux City, Neb.; George Edgar, born November 1, 1864, married Miss Bertha S. Tyler, of Hopkinton, and now carries on the home farm; Rhoda Frances was born June 28, 1867; and Charles Lewis, born March 28, 1870, died December 29, 1895.

GEORGE E. HILLIARD, a well-known gun manufacturer and a leading citizen of Cornish, is a native of Claremont, where he was born August 26, 1838. He is descended from the Rev. Avery Hilliard, a Unitarian clergyman, who, coming to this country from England with his brother, resided for a time in Sutton, Mass., and afterward settled in Cornish, being the first of the name in the town. The Rev. Mr. Hilliard was twice married, and had in all ten children. His son Benjamin was grandfather of George E. Hilliard. Benjamin, who was born in Sutton, came to Cornish with his parents, learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at it throughout his life. Although never neglecting to take part in town affairs or to cast his vote, he was not an aspirant for political honors, and never held office. His wife, christened Roxana Hall, was a daughter of Dr. I. Hall. Their children were: David H., Frank, Gilbert, Catherine, Harriet, Esther, Eliza, and Caroline. Frank, now deceased, was a carriage-builder of Nicholville, N.Y. He was twice married, and had six children. Gilbert, who was a machinist, enlisted for service in the Civil War, and was killed in 1863 at New Orleans. Catherine, deceased, was the wife of Lyman Bartlett, and the mother of five children. Harriet, also deceased, married Job Williams, of Plainfield,

and had three children, all of whom are living. Esther was Mrs. James Hudson, of Lynn, and the mother of four children. The mother and three of the children have since passed away. Eliza married John Hudson, of Lynn, and had two children: John P., now President of the Bell Telephone Company; and Elizabeth, the wife of Samuel J. Hollis, one of the largest shoe manufacturers of Lynn. Caroline Hilliard married Horace Demming, a well-known farmer of Cornish; and she has three children living.

David H. Hilliard, the eldest son of his father, was born in Cornish, December 3, 1806. After finishing his course of study in the town schools, he learned cabinet-making, and worked at that trade for five or six years. Then he went into the employ of Thomas Woolson, of Claremont, building stove patterns, the castings from which were made in Tyson, Vt. It is claimed that he got out the pattern for the first cook stove that was ever made in this country. He was the inventor of the Yankee Cook Stove, the first stove having an elevated oven. In 1848 he began the manufacture of guns; and subsequently he made the Hilliard gun, which is known all over the United States. He continued in this business up to the time of his death in 1877. During the war he was authorized by the town to pay the soldiers. He was Justice of the Peace for twenty-five years, and for many years he was a member of the State Democratic Committee. He was always very active in town affairs, and might always be counted upon to take a zealous part in the discussion of any measures that came up before the town meeting. Very determined and a man of intense energy, when once he had made up his mind to follow a certain course of action nothing could prevent his following it to the end. For the last fifteen years of his life he was engaged to some extent in civil engineering. In 1835 he married Sarah A. Smith, of Claremont; and she became the mother of Charles N. and George E. Hilliard. Charles N., who was born in Claremont, June 5, 1836, and was educated in the Cornish schools, began business life in his father's shop, learning the gunsmith's trade. He worked with his father for five or six years, and then went to Ilion, N.Y., to work for the Remington Arms Company, where he is still employed as foreman of one of the departments. He successively married Sarah Weld and Belle Sherborn, both of Cornish. There were three children by the first marriage and four by the second.

After leaving school George E. Hilliard went to work on the Vermont Central Railroad in the capacity of locomotive engineer, and continued in that business for seven years, during which he was employed at different times on all the branches of the road. Subsequently he went into the gun business with his father. Since the death of the latter he has carried on the business alone. Mr. Hilliard has been Constable for fifteen years, District Clerk for two years, and Justice of the Peace and Notary Public for fifteen years. He has also been clerk of the School Board for two years and the Postmaster for about twenty years. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and has been Master of the Blue Lodge. He is greatly interested in taxidermy, and has a very large and valuable collection of birds, stuffed and mounted by himself. He is an authority on the ornithology of this region. His whole-souled, genial manner, amiable hospitality, and ever-ready wit have made for him a host of friends. With quick sympathy, he is always ready to help a friend in a hard place or to lighten the burdens of the unfortunate in general.

Mr. Hilliard married Ella M., daughter of Hiram D. Bartlett, of Cornish. They have one child, Emma L., born July 18, 1866. She is now the wife of C. W. Diggins, of Cleveland, Ohio, foreman of the Tribune Bicycle Works of Erie, Pa., and she has a daughter, Ethel E., born February 24, 1897. Before her marriage Mrs. Diggins taught school for some time. Possessed of remarkable tact in dealing with children, she smoothly managed the most obdurate urchins, and was one of the most popular teachers in this section of the country. She is a fine musician, and for some time she also taught music.

CYRUS MARDEN, a prosperous farmer of Epsom, was born in this town, May 16, 1850, son of David and Ann (Bickford) Marden. The grandfather, William Marden, who was a native of Portsmouth, came to Epsom about the year 1790. He followed the carpenter's trade in connection with farming during the active period of his life, and died at the age of ninety-two years. Of his nine children two were born before he came to Epsom.

David Marden, born in Epsom, and the youngest son of William, in early life assisted upon the home farm. Following the example of his father, he made carpentry and farming his chief occupation. He was a hard-working man, very seldom going from home; and, although the cars ran within a half-mile of his house, he never rode upon them. In politics he supported the Democratic party. He died at the age of seventy-five. His wife, Anna Bickford, was born in Epsom, daughter of Sam Bickford, who was the father of seventeen children. She became the mother of eleven children, of whom Carrie, Noyes, Freeman, Moses, and Cyrus are living. Carrie married James M. Gordon, of Concord, N.H., and has four children — Flora B., Hattie S., Leon S., and Ena L.; Noyes Marden married Ella Merrill, of Concord. Freeman Marden married Lavinia Bickford, of Epsom, and has three children — Etta M., Lillie M., and Nellie R. Moses Marden married Carrie Rundy, now deceased, and became the father of five children — Melvin S., Mabell N., Milton W., Adelle, and Harvey. Harvey Marden enlisted as a private in Company A, Seventh New Hampshire Regiment, fought in the Civil War for nearly four years, and died while in service. Mrs. David Marden lived to the age of seventy-four years.

Cyrus Marden was reared and educated in his native town, growing to manhood upon the farm where he now resides. He succeeded to the property, and has since carried on general farming with success. The first of his two marriages was contracted September 16, 1880, with Angie M. Marden, a daughter of Nathan G. Marden, of Epsom. She had four children — Walter L., Ada F., Lena A., and Ethel A. The second marriage, performed in January, 1891, united Mr. Marden to Laura J. Marden, his first wife's sister. By this union there is one son, Gerald L. In politics Mr. Marden is a Republican. Although he takes no active part in public affairs, he is always ready to aid in forwarding any measure calculated to be beneficial to the community. He is a Deacon of the Free Will Baptist church, and Mrs. Marden is a member of the Congregational church.

JOHN H. COLLINS, a respected farmer of Bradford, was born on Bible Hill in the town of Warner, N.H., May 9, 1815, son of Enos and Elizabeth (Walker) Collins, and grandson of Jacob Collins, whose

father was among the first settlers of Southampton, Mass. The father, who was born and reared in Southampton, from there in early manhood came to Warner, and in 1803 took up land on Bible Hill, near the town line of Bradford, not far from Melvin's Mills. He cleared a portion of the land, built a house, and was engaged in tilling the soil until his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-two years. After settling in Warner, he married Elizabeth Walker, who survived him until she had reached the advanced age of eighty-seven. This worthy couple were the owners of the first clock and the first cook stove used in that vicinity, and were the first of the residents to subscribe for a newspaper. Eight daughters and three sons were born to them. The eldest son, Moses, was a mechanic and farmer. The next, Enos, was born in 1800, and died at the age of seventy-seven. He was a self-educated man beyond such early advantages as were afforded by the common schools, and he became one of the most noted teachers of his time. Notwithstanding the fact that he had never received instruction in algebra, he could readily solve both algebraic and arithmetical problems that puzzled expert mathematicians. He held various town offices, filling each place with marked ability.

John H. Collins, the youngest and only surviving son, married on December 21, 1841, Esther Pierce Marshall, daughter of Nathan R. and Abigail (Hawks) Marshall, and granddaughter of Richard Marshall, who was a Revolutionary soldier, having enlisted in 1775. They resided on the old Collins homestead until 1868, when they came to their present farm in Bradford, this being the ancestral home of his wife, named by her father "Pleasant Valley Farm." This farm originally contained sixty acres. Mr. Collins has since enlarged it by the addition of other land, so that now it is quite an extensive place. Here he carries on general farming and dairying. He had three daughters, one of whom died in infancy. The eldest, Abbie Elizabeth, married James H. Blaisdell, and died fourteen years later. She left a son, George A., who is married, and has two children. Mr. Collins's surviving daughter, and the youngest of the three, Helen Frances, who was for some time a successful teacher in our public schools, married Frank T. Carr, and resides in Bradford.

Nathan R. Marshall, the father of Mrs. Collins, was born in Hudson N.H., in 1792. He removed to Bible Hill when a boy of fourteen, and six years later married Abigail Hawks, daughter of Farrington and Sarah Knowlton Hawks. He was a man of education and an especially good accountant, as shown by his old account books, kept in a neat, clear hand. He held town offices at different periods, being a most intelligent and valued official. He and his wife reared ten children, three sons and seven daughters. Two of these died in infancy. Joshua P. Marshall, the eldest son, a man of good mental attainments, for more than forty years was a manufacturers' agent for the sale of glassware. He always kept his residence in Bradford, but spent his winters during his later years in Florida, where he had large interests in orange groves. He died there in 1893, aged seventy-six years. Joseph Addison, another son of Nathan R. Marshall, was a farmer in his earlier life. Later he became the proprietor of a market in Boston, and subsequently, in company with his brother Joshua, established himself as a dealer in glassware. They were burned out in the big fire of 1872, but resumed business after a time, and continued in it until Joseph's health failed. His home

was in Boston, and he died at the age of fifty-nine. Farrington H. Marshall resides in Boston. He and Mrs. Collins are the only surviving members of the family.

The Collins family are quite numerous, and hold frequent reunions in Amesbury, Mass.

MIGHILL DUSTIN, late a prosperous farmer of Claremont, Sullivan County, N.H., his native town, where he spent the greater part of his life, was born here, December 18, 1820, and died at his homestead about twelve years since, on January 27, 1885. The Dustins are of old Colonial stock, and have been one of the foremost families of Claremont from the earliest history of the town. December 3, 1677, Thomas Dustin, the great-great-grandfather of Mighill Dustin, married Hannah, daughter of Mighill and Hannah (Webster) Emerson, of Haverhill, Mass. Mrs. Dustin's father settled in Haverhill in 1656.

The well-known story of Hannah Dustin's capture by the Indians, and of her escape, is given as follows in the History of Claremont: —

During an incursion made by Indians upon Haverhill, Mass., on the 15th of March, 1697, a party attacked the house of Thomas Dustin, captured Mrs. Dustin, in bed with an infant seven days old, and her nurse Mary Neff, dashed out the brains of the infant against a tree, and set fire to the house. The captives were marched through the wilderness to the home of the Indians on a small island at the junction of the Contoocook River with the Merrimac, near where the village of Penacook now is. In the night, when the Indians were asleep, the two captive women, and a boy who had been captured at Worcester, Mass., some time before, killed ten of the Indians by striking them upon the head, and the three captives escaped, and returned to Haverhill. On the 21st of the following April the three went to Boston, carrying with them the scalps of the Indians and other evidences of the exploit, and received as a reward from the General Court fifty pounds, and from others many valuable presents. Mr. Dustin's heroic defence of his seven older children is equally deserving of mention. A monument has since been erected to the memory of Hannah Dustin.

Timothy, son of Thomas and Hannah Dustin, was born in Haverhill, Mass., September 14, 1694, and died in 1775. He had a son, Eliphalet, and two others, Thomas and Timothy, Jr., who were twins, born in 1745. They came to Claremont about 1771, and settled on a tract of land on the south side of Sugar River, where they carried on brick-making for many years, being the first to follow this industry in Claremont. Timothy, Jr., who was an energetic, enterprising, and public-spirited man, was much interested in church matters, and gave to Union Church a silver service for communion. He married August 7, 1773, Eunice Nutting, and by her had nine children. Timothy Dustin, Jr., his wife, Eunice, and one daughter died within twenty days in the spring of 1813 of spotted fever. Their children were: William, David, Moody, Mighill, Timothy, Abel, Oliver, Polly, and Eunice.

Moody Dustin, the father of Mighill named at the beginning of this sketch, was born in Claremont, November 19, 1780. He bought a farm on Green Mountain, where he lived until 1834, when he removed to the farm afterward owned by his son. He was an active member of the Congregational church, was a prosperous man for those times, and was public-spirited and prominent. He died August 29, 1860, his wife, Lucy Cowles, whom

he married April 8, 1807, surviving him until May 29, 1865. They had nine children, Mighill being one of the younger. The others may be briefly mentioned as follows: Sarah married William Haven, of Newport. Elvira married Timothy Rossiter. William married Sarah Bentley. Mary married Jonathan Wood. Both of these went to Illinois. Lucinda married Charles N. Goss. Timothy never married. Eveline married George Worthen, of Lebanon. Emeline, her twin sister, married Richard Howe, of Lebanon.

Mighill Dustin, when a young man, taught school for a short time in Illinois. After that he returned to his father's farm in Claremont, and became a substantial farmer. He dealt largely in Cotswold sheep, which he was the first in the vicinity to raise. He was a well-informed man, of remarkable balance and excellent judgment, and was very active in the Congregational church. He did not care for society in the general acceptance of that term, but was very social in his nature. He was averse to holding public office, though he was often urged to accept positions in the gift of the town. His wife, Mary, daughter of Jonathan Whitcomb, of Claremont, was born January 7, 1831, and died July 25, 1891. They had one child, a daughter named Mary Ella, who married February 5, 1890, Charles Keith, of Palmer, Mass., son of Charles, Sr., and Mary (Olds) Keith. Mr. Keith, the younger, came to Claremont in 1886, and now carries on the old homestead farm of the Dustins. Mr. and Mrs. Keith have three children — Mary Helen, Charles Dustin, and Frank Leonard.

CHARLES CHASE LORD, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, and the local historian of Hopkinton, is the second child and first son of Charles and Sarah (Hubbard) Lord. Born in South Berwick, Me., July 7, 1841, he is a lineal descendant, in the seventh generation, of Nathan Lord, who emigrated to America from Stackpole Court, Pembroke, Wales, and settled in ancient Kittery, Me., before 1652. In South Berwick, once a part of ancient Kittery, is a homestead of which Nathan Lord became a proprietor in 1676, and which is now in the possession of his descendants, the estate being situated in a district called "Old Fields."

Sarah Hubbard, who became the mother of Charles Chase Lord, was born in Hopkinton, N.H., daughter of John and Ruth (Chase) Hubbard. On her mother's side she descended from the famous Chase family that has figured so prominently in both English and American history.

In 1845 Charles Chase Lord, scarcely four years of age, awoke to recollection and found his home in New Market, N.H., where his father, a machinist, was eventually engaged as a contractor and builder of cotton machines for the late Samuel Brooks. This precocious little fellow was then able to read all those forms of composition usually put into the hands of young children, he having no memory of the time when the process of learning to read began. In 1846, in consequence of imperfect health, his father sought partial occupation upon the soil, and moved his family to a farm in Hopkinton, living there the most of the time afterward until his death in 1884. Charles Chase Lord enjoyed the advantages of the common school, and also received instruction for several terms in a private academy. At one time he made up his mind to enter the medical profession; but, like his father, a constant sufferer from physical infirmities, such a course for him was simply impossible. Largely by the advice of personal friends, he was induced to try the Christian

ministry. The effort was impeded by ill health, and he became convinced that he had mistaken his calling. Having spent a few years in New York, Massachusetts, and Michigan, Mr. Lord returned to Hopkinton in 1871. With some journalistic experience acquired as editor of a rural weekly newspaper in the State of New York, he began supporting himself in part by furnishing news and articles for various local and other publications. Subsequently he became a school officer, in which capacity he has served thirteen years. Being of a judicial turn of mind, and by the advice of friends, he secured commissions as Justice of the Peace and Notary Public, and has repeatedly in his own town and elsewhere presided at justice trials, besides acting as a general adviser of his neighbors and townsmen on a variety of legal subjects.

Mr. Lord's literary tastes prompted him to compile "Life and Times in Hopkinton, N.H.," a volume containing nearly six hundred pages of local history, biography, and statistics, published by the town in 1890. He has also written and published a series of three local sketches, "Mary Woodwell," "The Lookout," and "Abraham Kimball," each containing a chapter of early romantic history told in blank verse, interspersed with original articles in rhyme. At the request of friends in Concord, N.H., Mr. Lord wrote and published "Poems of Penacook," which contain many items of the early history and traditions of New Hampshire. Besides many metrical effusions in various periodicals, he is represented in "The Poets of New Hampshire" and the "Poets of Maine," volumes recently published. In 1873 and for the two or three ensuing years he was employed in the State teachers' institutes, both as a reporter and as a lecturer, his special themes of instruction being anatomy, physiology, and hygiene, as applicable to the uses of parents and teachers.

In 1880 Mr. Lord was the United States enumerator of the census for the district of Hopkinton. Of late years, being specially interested and practically skilled in the art of research, he has done considerable work in making historical investigations for people and persons from different places. He was the projector of the organization of the Sons and Daughters of Nathan Lord, which has held two reunions in South Berwick, Me., and of which he is the corresponding secretary, as well as the chairman of its historical committee. Mr. Lord has never married.

CURTIS FRANKLIN LEWIN, an enterprising provision dealer of Plainfield, was born in this town, April 24, 1850, son of Erastus and Fanny (Nash) Lewin. Among several of the members of the family who have achieved distinction in business and professional pursuits may be mentioned Judge Lewin, an eminent jurist and a wealthy resident of Hartford, Conn. The father of Erastus, Cranston Lewin, who was born May 6, 1777, came from Hartford, Conn., to Plainfield when a young man, and was engaged in farming and butchering for the rest of his active period. He married Esther Fuller, who was born in Plainfield, June 23, 1787. They had four children — Louisiana, Erastus, Cranston, and Benjamin. Louisiana died when quite young. Cranston became a contractor and builder in the West, and died unmarried while still a young man. Benjamin, who was a butcher and provision dealer in Hartford, Conn., for a number of years, spent his last days in Plainfield. His second wife was Lucy Walker, of this town, who bore him six children.

Erastus Lewin was born in Plainfield, June 17, 1817. In early life he engaged in farming, and also operated a saw-mill for some time. He disposed of the mill to enter the butchering business, which he carried on with success for thirty years; and his last days were passed in retirement upon his farm. He served in some of the town offices, but refrained from accepting important positions in public affairs, as the demands of his business would not permit it. He was a general favorite in the community on account of his genial disposition, and he was widely known throughout this section. Erastus Lewin died May 12, 1893. He was three times married. His children by his first wife, Fanny Nash Lewin, were: Charles H., born January 31, 1844; Laura, born September 21, 1845; Curtis F., the subject of this sketch; Emily, born May 9, 1851; Hattie, born December 8, 1853; and Byron, born March 24, 1856. Charles H. enlisted in the Nineteenth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and died in Andersonville Prison. Laura, who did not marry, remained at home until her death, which occurred December 19, 1892. Emily married Edwin Hall, a carriage painter of Cornish, N.H., and died March 13, 1893. Hattie became the wife of Aden Bartholomew, a shoe-cutter of Plainfield, and died March 10, 1893, leaving three children. Byron, who is now in the butchering business in Hanover, N.H., married Katie Reed, and has three children. The second wife of Erastus Lewin, Susan Walker Lewin, bore him five children, as follows: Anna, who died at the age of thirteen years; Benjamin, a meat dealer in Manchester, who married Hattie Blood, and has two children; Katie and Norman, both of whom died in infancy; and Elmer, who married Nellie Westgate, of Plainfield, has six children, and is in the meat business in Manchester. The father's third marriage was contracted with Olive P. Clark. The only child of this union, Frank C., now a travelling salesman, is married, and lives in Davenport, Ia.

Curtis Franklin Lewin acquired a practical education in the schools of Plainfield. Having learned the meat and provision business with his father, he has since followed it with success. Besides carrying on his meat business, he owns and cultivates a good farm situated within the limits of the village. His enterprise and close attention to business have won for him considerable wealth. In 1875, October 6, he married Lucy M. Clough, who was born March 30, 1856, daughter of Charles S. Clough, of Grantham, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Lewin have had nine children, born as follows: Charles, June 17, 1876; Fanny, March 29, 1878; Robert E., August 11, 1881; Mary E., February 17, 1883; Carl, August 4, 1884; Leroy, June 2, 1887; Ruth H., July 5, 1890; Catharine E., in October, 1891; and Marguerite E., March 1, 1896. Of these Robert E., Ruth H., and Marguerite E. are living. In politics Mr. Lewin is a Democrat, but he takes no active interest in public affairs. Devoting his whole time to his business and the care of his farm, he is one of the busiest men in Plainfield. Sharing the musical talent of the Lewins, he often uses it for his own amusement and that of his family.

ANDREW JACKSON KELLEY, Postmaster of Dimond Hill, Hopkinton, a successful agriculturist of this town, and one of the brave men who fought in the late war, was born January 22, 1835, in Webster, Merrimack County, son of Timothy and Jane (Burbank) Kelley. Timothy Kelley was born December 25, 1778, in Kilcoloman, County Waterford, Ireland. He

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was an officer in the Irish rebellion, and on its suppression escaped by being smuggled on board a ship bound for New York. Making his way from that city to Massachusetts, he lived for a time in Newbury, Mass., where he wooed and won his wife. Subsequently, removing to Webster, N.H., he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, July 15, 1854, aged seventy-five years and six months. His wife survived him many years, dying in May, 1873, at the venerable age of eighty-six years.

Andrew J. Kelley spent the days of his boyhood and early manhood in Webster. Soon after the commencement of the late war he enlisted in Company E, Burdan's sharpshooters, under Captain Amos B. Jones, being mustered into service September 9, 1861. He spent the ensuing winter in Washington on guard duty. In the spring he went to Fort Smith, Virginia, and afterward took an active party in thirty of the more important engagements, including those of Falls Church, Yorktown, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Petersburg, Manassas, and Mine Run.

He remained with his company to the end of the contest, serving forty-seven months, and, though he was continually on the skirmish line, was neither wounded nor captured. After the capitulation of the Confederates he saw Lee's men stack their guns, and he was present at the Grand Review in Washington with his comrades. At Kelly's Ford the sharpshooters captured the Tenth South Carolina Regiment, losing but few of their men in the engagement. For gallant and meritorious conduct Mr. Kelley was successively promoted to the ranks of Corporal and Orderly Sergeant. He was recommended for a Lieutenancy, which was given to another, owing, he believes, to a favoritism shown Republicans. On returning to Webster, he worked there for a short time, and then in the sawmills at Concord or Goshen for some years. In 1878 he moved to his present farm of thirty acres on Dimond Hill, which is in the vicinity of the original Dimond settlement made in 1754. In August, 1893, the present postoffice was established; and, on the recommendation of those who were instrumental in having it located here, Mr. Kelley was appointed the Postmaster. In politics he has always been a straightforward Democrat, fearless in the expression of his opinions. At his dining-table, with his old companions-in-arms, he often lives over his army experiences in thought and story. He is an active worker in his party, and generally attends its conventions.

In 1858, at Webster, Mr. Kelley married Miss Almira F. Ripley, of Hopkinton. She died in May, 1872, leaving three sons and a daughter. These are: Willie, who is in a laundry in Concord, N.H.; George, who is a trainman on the Old Colony Railway; James, a slate roofer, who died at the age of twenty-three years; and Clara, the wife of James C. Colburn, of Nashua, N.H. Mr. Kelley contracted a second marriage on May 21, 1874, with Miss Roxanna W. Jones, of this town, daughter of Peter and Ann Eliza (Locke) Jones, both of Cambridge, Mass. Mrs. Kelley was born and reared in Charlestown, Mass., near Bunker Hill. Of this union two children have been born, namely: Arthur J., of Concord, N.H.; and a daughter who died in early childhood.

NAPOLEON B. HALE, a rising young lawyer of Concord, was born in Sanbornton, N.H., April 4, 1863, son of Herman T. and Hannah G. (Sanborn) Hale. His father also was a native of Sanbornton,

and originally bore the name of Jacob T. Dolloff, but changed it to Herman T. Hale. His paternal grandfather, John Dolloff, grandson of Samuel Dolloff, is said to have been of Russian descent. He was one of the first settlers of Sanbornton, where he passed the greater part of his life in farming. Mr. N. B. Hale's grandmother, the wife of John Dolloff, was Nancy Thomas, whose father, Jacob Thomas, was at fifteen years of age a fifer in the Revolutionary War. He was a son of Jonathan, a noted hunter in the olden time, last heard from as a scout in Maine. He is reputed to have married an Indian squaw.

Through his mother the subject of this sketch is a descendant, in the tenth generation, of John Sanborn, who was born about 1600, in Derbyshire, England, and died there in young manhood. His widow, a daughter of the Rev. Stephen Bachiler, came to this country with her father and her sons in 1632, and in 1638 settled at Hampton, N.H. The eldest son, Lieutenant John, born about 1620, was for many years a Selectman of Hampton and a Representative to the General Court. His son Richard, the third in line, was the father of Ensign John, whose son Ebenezer, born in 1712, was a prominent citizen of Hampton, serving as Town Clerk and Selectman, also as Sheriff of the county, and was a commissioned officer in the old French war. Sergeant John, son of Ebenezer, born in 1736 at Hampton, served in the old French war and also in the Revolution. He was the first permanent settler of Sanbornton, N.H., where he built a house in 1765. Jeremiah, seventh in the ancestral line, born in November, 1764, at the age of fifteen enlisted as a nine months' man in the Continental army, and was at West Point at the time of Arnold's treason. Later in life he was for two terms a Representative from Hampton to the General Court; and in 1812 he was chosen messenger to carry the votes of this State for President to Washington, D.C. His son, Jesse Sanborn, born in 1794, a highly intelligent, capable man, an excellent school teacher, also a farmer and a Captain in the militia, was the father of Hannah G. Sanborn, who became Mrs. Hale.

Herman T. Hale, son of John and Nancy (Thomas) Dolloff, born July 15, 1820, spent the greater part of his life as a farmer in Sanbornton; but for some ten years he conducted a grist-mill at Hillsborough Bridge. He was a man prominent in local affairs, and was elected to the office of Selectman, though a Republican in the midst of a strong Democratic community. He died August 3, 1886, aged sixty-six years. He was twice married; and by his first wife, Elvira M., daughter of Jesse and Martha (March) Sanborn, of Sanbornton, he had four children, two of whom died young. The two still living are: Sarah Augusta, who married Aaron Eastman, and resides in Sanbornton; and Martha G., who married Frank J. Thomas, and is also a resident of Sanbornton. For his second wife Mr. Herman T. Hale married Hannah G. Sanborn, a sister of his first wife, and by her became the father of three children, namely: E. Lettie, who married Oscar P. Lane, and resides in Laconia; Napoleon B., whose name appears at the head of this sketch; and Charles F., who is unmarried and resides at home.

Napoleon B. Hale was educated in the district schools of Sanbornton and at the New Hampton Literary Institution. Poor health handicapped him for a time, but, gaining in strength, he devoted himself to farming; and after the death of his father he had charge of the home farm for about three years. In May, 1889, he engaged in the study of law with Daniel Barnard, then Attorney General of the State, at his office in Franklin, where he re-

mained three years. Soon after Mr. Barnard's decease Mr. Hale came to Concord and completed his preparatory course of study with Leach & Stevens. He was admitted to the Merrimack County bar, March 17, 1893, and soon after opened an office in Concord. He has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. Politically, he affiliates with the Republicans; and he cast his first Presidential vote for James G. Blaine in 1884. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Concord. He is also a member of Kearsarge Lodge, No. 48, K. of P., and Capital Grange, No. 113, P. of H., of Concord.

JOHN B. SANBORN, a well-known citizen of Concord and a prominent New England stock-raiser, was born in the eastern part of Concord, April 1, 1831, son of Himan and Mary A. (Bean) Sanborn. His paternal grandfather, Tristram Sanborn, a native of the old Bay State and a farmer, moved to Boscawen, near Warner, bringing his wife and a few household goods on a sled drawn by a yoke of steers. There he settled on wild land, which he converted into a good farm and made his home for many years. Prior to the erection of the modern house the family dwelt in a log cabin, in the primitive fireplace of which it is told that one of the children received severe burns on his feet from the hot ashes. Tristram's youngest son now owns the old homestead. There were five boys and five girls in the family.

Himan Sanborn received his education in the schools of his native town and at Boscawen. Upon reaching his majority, he walked to Boston, a long journey in those days, when the roads were poor and much of the country was unbroken. Upon arriving there, he secured work in a stable, and was employed there for a season. He then returned to Boscawen, married, and went to work on a farm. Finally, he bought a farm in East Concord, there spent the remainder of his life engaged in agriculture, and died at the age of eighty-three years. He did not aspire to civil preferment, but his ability and many virtues as a citizen could not pass unnoticed; and he was prevailed upon to serve the public in various capacities. He was Selectman, Councilman, and Alderman, as well as Justice of the Peace. His first wife, Mary A. (Bean) Sanborn, was a daughter of Abraham Bean, who was High Sheriff for many years. She bore him four children — Abram, Charles, John B., and Sarah A. A second marriage united him to Clarissa Batchelder, of Loudon, who bore him one son — Charles H., now living in Concord. His third marriage was contracted with Laura Jones, of Warner.

John B. Sanborn was sent to the district schools and later to Pembroke Academy. From early boyhood he worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years old. Then he bought a farm, on which he has since resided. Besides erecting on it a fine brick residence, he has rebuilt the barns. He makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Devon cattle and Shropshire and Southdown sheep. He now owns a thousand acres of land, all within six miles of the city. His first marriage was contracted with Miss Nancy Powers, of Alexandria, N. H., whose daughter by him, Sarah J., married William Sargent, and lives at Gilmanton. A second marriage united him to Hannah A. Stone, daughter of Amos Stone, of Boscawen. She bore him five children — John W., George, Frank P., Charles H., and Harley H. John married Clara Ames, and has one daughter, Mabel. George married Abbie Smith; and his children are — Clarence, Genella, and Percy H.

Frank P. died some time ago. Charles married Hattie Housel, of Springfield, N.H.

Like his father, Mr. Sanborn has been prominent in town affairs. He has served in the City Council, and he was Assessor for two terms. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has been chairman of his ward committee for years. His first Presidential vote was cast in 1852 for Franklin Pierce. He and his sons are known all over New England, as they have exhibited their cattle at all the leading fairs for the last thirty-five years, and won a large number of premiums.

BENJAMIN F. HEATH, a well-known resident of Warner and its present Representative in the State legislature, was born August 2, 1835, in that town, at the Lower Village, son of Matthias Heath. The father, a native of Henniker, this county, born in 1790, came to Warner in early manhood. He married Mary Rand, who was born in Warner in 1797, in the log house in which her parents, Ephraim and Lucy (Noyes) Rand, began housekeeping. Matthias Heath was a teacher for some years. Subsequently he engaged in trade in Bradford, N.H., and then in Hillsborough, finally settling in Warner, where he resided until his death in 1846. His wife, who survived him many years, passed away in 1887, in her ninetieth year. They were the parents of three children, namely: Benjamin F., the subject of this sketch; Anna W., who is living in Warner; and Lydia M., who was an invalid from her early girlhood, and died at the age of forty-three years.

Benjamin F. Heath completed his education at the Hopkinton Academy at the age of nineteen, and for four years thereafter taught school in Hopkinton and Warner. He was then employed for five years as clerk in a store in this town. This situation he gave up to accept the position of cashier and head book-keeper in the office of the Boston *Cultivator* in Boston. He remained there until failing health warned him to seek a more active occupation, and outdoor exercise became imperative. Then he went West for a year, after which he returned to Warner village, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits for four years, in company with Ira Harvey and H. S. Willis. From 1874 until 1887 Mr. Heath successfully carried on the business alone. Since that time he has been largely engaged in probate work, settling many estates, mostly in Warner. He has also often served as commissioner on estates, has been an appraiser of real estate, and has written many insurance papers. For about a year after its incorporation he was the Secretary of the Merrimack Glove Company. An unswerving Republican in politics, he has attended all the conventions of the party in this vicinity, and has taken an active part in the management of local affairs. He was a member of the School Board for a number of terms, and he served several terms in the capacities of Town Treasurer and Town Clerk. In 1896 he was elected for a term of two years to the State legislature. He has been a Trustee and the Treasurer of the Pillsbury Free Library since it was founded in 1871.

On May 19, 1870, Mr. Heath married in Boston Miss Julia A. Wadleigh. She is a daughter of Philip S. H. and Rhoda W. (Kendrick) Wadleigh, of Sutton, N.H., and a graduate of the New London Literary and Scientific Institution. Their only child, Fred Harvey Heath, a bright, intelligent lad of fourteen, is now attending the high school. Both Mr. and Mrs Heath attend the Baptist church. An active and prominent Mason, Mr.

Heath was one of the first applicants for admission to Harris Lodge, No. 91, of Warner; is a member of Woods Chapter, No. 14, of Henniker, in which he has passed all the chairs, and served as High Priest; has been an officer in the Grand Lodge; and is a member of the Council of the order of High Priesthood, whose membership included the late John J. Bell, of Exeter. The deep interest Mr. Heath has constantly taken in educational matters found useful employment in the legislature of 1897, when he was an active and efficient member of the Committee on Education. In his legislative capacity he also served on the Conference and other committees, and was the introducer of several bills that passed both houses and received the signature of the governor.

HON. AUSTIN TYLER, who was an extensive builder and the largest land-owner of his day in Claremont, was born there, January 6, 1790, son of Ephraim and Abigail (Pardee) Tyler. His grandfather, Colonel Benjamin Tyler, born at Wallingford, Conn., February 22, 1732, married Mehitable Andrews, and removed to Farmington, Conn. From that place Colonel Tyler went to Claremont in the spring of 1767, and the Town History gives the information that he built the first dam across Sugar River at West Claremont, having been given a tract of land for that purpose by the town. After the completion of the dam he returned to Farmington; and in the following March, with his wife, six children, and household effects on an ox sled, he started for Claremont. In 1768 he built a grist-mill and saw-mill in connection with his dam. The blocks for the millstones were obtained from a quarry on Ascutney Mountain, worked by him and his sons for several years, and were carried over the Connecticut River on the ice, and brought to West Claremont. Here they were finished into millstones, and supplied to mills in nearly all parts of New England, Canada, and New York. Colonel Tyler built another dam near the site of High Bridge, and a forge and smelting works in connection therewith. The ore used was brought from Charlestown, N.H., and the lime from Weathersfield, Vt. The Colonel invented and had patented a process for dressing flax. He also devised an improved bucket for a wooden water wheel with an upright shaft, called the rye fly or tub wheel, for which he was granted two patents successively, in 1800 and in 1804. When seventy-five years old he retired from active business, and was succeeded by his sons John, Benjamin, and Noah. He died in Claremont, March 9, 1814, leaving eleven children, to each of whom he gave a good farm. He was Selectman in 1768 and 1769. His son, Ephraim Tyler, who died December 16, 1823, at the age of sixty-four years, married Abigail Pardee, who died March 18, 1814, aged fifty-three years. They had the following children; namely, Miles, Rebekah, Sally, Benjamin, Pardee, William, Ephraim, Jr., Austin, Sarah, Abigail, Lola, and Maria.

One of the most active, enterprising, and public-spirited men of his time, Austin Tyler built the Sullivan factory and the Stone paper-mill. His enterprise included all branches of his business. The clearing of the land and the lumbering, as well as the building, were personally conducted by him. He constantly employed from thirty to forty men, and he built for rent and sometimes for sale throughout his active life. He held various offices of public trust, the duties of which he discharged with the utmost fidelity.

He was Selectman of Claremont for nine years, was Moderator on many occasions, served in the capacity of Justice of the Peace, was Representative to the New Hampshire legislature for eight years, and was State Senator in 1838.

Mr. Tyler married Almira Kingsbury, the only child of Esquire Daniel Kingsbury. She was born in Keene, N.H., March 6, 1799, and died December 9, 1867. Mr. Tyler died August 12, 1844. They had seven children — Henry D., Louise, Emeline, Elizabeth Bailey, Frederick Austin, Sarah Frances, and Ellen Almira. Henry D. Tyler, who was born August 13, 1815, when thirty-one years old enlisted under Captain Webster, Company A, went with his regiment to Mexico, took an active part in the war, and died at San Antonio, Tex., June 16, 1868, aged fifty-three years. Louise, born March 30, 1818, who was highly educated, became the wife of Nathaniel Westgate, of Enfield, N.H., and died March 6, 1895. Emeline, who was born April 21, 1820, married Asa T. Starbird, and died at Dover, Kan., March 4, 1876. Elizabeth Bailey, born September 15, 1822, died in Boston, April 26, 1868, the wife of Samuel W. Howe. Frederick Austin, born December 10, 1824, who was a prominent hotel man in his time, married Mary Robbins, and died February 11, 1890. Sarah Frances, born December 27, 1834, married Joseph K. Egerton, and died at Northfield, Vt., March 9, 1886. Ellen Almira, born May 29, 1827, on January 18, 1854, married John Leonard Lovering, of Hartford, Vt., who died at Faribault, Minn., in 1862. They had two children — Leonard Austin and Anna Tyler. Of the son the Town History says: "Leonard was born at Hartford, Vt., November 13, 1855; was appointed cadet at West Point in 1872; graduated and was commissioned Second Lieutenant of the Fourth United States Infantry, June 15, 1876; was promoted First Lieutenant of same, January 3, 1885, and Captain of same, October 15, 1893. He was detailed by the War Department Assisting Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy, and Geology, at the United States Military Academy, West Point, 1881–85; Engineer Officer, Department of the Columbia, 1888–89; Aide-de-camp to Brigadier-general Thomas H. Ruger, of the United States Army, 1891; and in command of his company at Boisé City, Idaho, in 1894." He is now acting Captain at Fort Sheridan, Chicago, Ill. His sister Anna was born at Hartford, Vt., September 21, 1857. She married April 14, 1887, Charles W. Barrett, of Melrose, and has two children.

COLONEL ABIAL ROLFE, a prominent resident of Penacook, was born March 29, 1823, on the estate where he now resides, son of Henry and Deborah (Carter) Rolfe. His grandfather, Nathaniel Rolfe, came here from Haverhill, Mass., when there were but few settlers in this section. Nathaniel converted a tract of wild land into a good farm, built a frame house, and carried on farming and lumbering throughout the rest of his life. His son Henry grew up on the farm, receiving his education in the Concord schools. When old enough to engage in business for himself, Henry followed the same occupations that had been pursued by his father. In connection with the lumber business he controlled a water-power, and did considerable sawing. He was a very influential man in the town, took an interest in public affairs, and was a strong Whig. In the command of a militia company, he was an exacting and painstaking drill-master. He died at the age of seventy years. His wife, Deborah, a na-

tive of West Concord, was the mother of seven girls and four boys; namely, Judith N., Jane C., Rhoda C., Phœbe W., Deborah, Lydia, Martha, Nathaniel, Timothy, Henry, and Abial.

Colonel Rolfe was educated in the private school at Hopkinton, under the famous John Ballard, and at the institutes in Pembroke and Salisbury. After completing his studies he taught school for four terms, acquiring a high reputation as a disciplinarian, and successfully managing a school which several preceding masters had failed to control. Since that time Colonel Rolfe has retained a warm interest in public education. After giving up school teaching, he was engaged in the manufacture of doors, sashes, and blinds, for a period of fifteen years. In 1855 he was first elected to the School Board of Concord, on which he continued to serve for over thirty years. In 1856 and 1857 he was sent to represent the town in the State legislature, and in 1860 was appointed on Governor Goodwin's staff, where he served for two years, and received his title of Colonel. In 1882 he was elected Ward Assessor, which office he filled for eight years with entire impartiality. Colonel Rolfe is now a bank messenger in Penacook, and also transacts some business in insurance.

Colonel Rolfe's connection with banking and insurance has led him to become interested in the various methods of computing interest. Recognizing the need of uniformity in this particular, he has formulated a simple and practical rule, which he hopes to have legalized as the court rule by the legislature. It provides for computing the annual interest, which is the legal interest in this State, on interest-bearing notes covered by partial payments, at different rates of per cent., and when there are odd months and days. The method of doing this is published in a pamphlet copyrighted by the author, in the belief that it meets a long-felt want.

Colonel Rolfe married Sarah Elizabeth Call, who, born in West Boscawen, now Webster, died in 1881. A daughter, Lizzie E., who was for twenty-two years a teacher in the schools of Penacook, survives her. Colonel Rolfe is a veteran fireman, having been connected with the pioneer engine company of Penacook for thirty years. He was manager for many years of the old Merrimack County Agricultural Society. The Colonel is an esteemed member of Horace Chase Lodge, No. 72, F. & A. M., of Penacook; and of Contoocook Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics he is a Republican, and he cast his first Presidential vote for Henry Clay in 1844. His religious belief is the Congregational.

HIRAM PARKER, Postmaster of Lempster, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, July 3, 1830, son of Benjamin and Olive (Nichols) Parker. His grandfather, Joseph Parker, moved his family from New Ipswich, N.H., to Lempster, first settling in the northern part of the town. At a later date Joseph removed to the farm now owned by his grandson. While he owned and successfully conducted a farm, he was also engaged in the manufacture of potash. His death occurred March 14, 1825. He married Sarah Wright, a native of Washington, N.H.; and his children were: Sally, Jeremiah, Joseph, Benjamin, Jonas, Bateman, Almena, George, and Hiram.

Benjamin Parker, who was born in New Ipswich, came to Lempster when he was three years old. He was engaged in farming; and he attained prominence in public affairs, serv-

ing as Selectman, County Road Commissioner, and Representative to the legislature. In politics he was a Democrat and in religious belief a Universalist. He died in 1845. His wife, Olive, was a daughter of Timothy and Ann (Carey) Nichols, of Lempster, who had eight children; namely, Polly, Cynthia, Eunice, Olive, Lavina, Niantha, Timothy, and Troop. Benjamin Parker's children were: Emily L., Hiram, and Hosea W. Emily is now the widow of Ransom P. Beckwith, late of Lempster, and has two children — Walter P. and Hira R. Walter P. Beckwith, who is the principal of the State Normal School in Salem, Mass., wedded Mary Sails, of Adams, Mass., and has one daughter, Fanny. Hira R. Beckwith, now an architect and builder in Claremont, married Libbie Martin, a native of Springfield, Vt. The Hon. Hosea W. Parker, who was a member of Congress, and is now an attorney in Claremont, married Louvisa Southgate, of Bridgewater, Vt. His only daughter, Lizzie S., is now the wife of the Rev. Lee McCollester, of Detroit, Mich., and has two children — Parker and Catharine. Mrs. Benjamin Parker died March 10, 1887.

Hiram Parker acquired a common-school education. He was but fifteen years old when the death of his father made it necessary for him to take the management of the homestead farm. In 1887 he moved to the village, and engaged in business at his present stand. His store, stocked with a good assortment of general merchandise, is largely patronized, and brings him a good income. At the same time conducting his farm of one hundred and fifty acres, he is one of the busiest men in town. Politically, he supports the Democratic party; and he is a leading spirit in local public affairs. For thirteen years he has been a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was Town Clerk and Treasurer for two years, he served on the School Board for six years, he represented this town in the legislature in 1863 and 1864, he served on the State Board of Agriculture for nine years, and he has been Postmaster for the past four years. Actively interested in the Patrons of Husbandry, he was formerly Master of Silver Mountain Grange, No. 196, and is now a member of Pomona Grange of Sullivan County. Both he and Mrs. Parker are members of the Universalist Society, which he serves in the capacity of secretary.

On October 11, 1854, Mr. Parker was united in marriage with Helen G. Moore. She was born in Lempster, June 16, 1836, daughter of Charles and Aira (Beckwith) Moore. Her father, who was a native of Bolton, Mass., settled upon a farm in this town soon after his marriage. He died in 1870; and his wife, who was born in Unity, N.H., died in 1882. They were the parents of four children, namely: Harriet, who became the wife of J. N. Butler, M.D., of Lempster; George, who married Almina Weed, of Unity; Helen G., who is now Mrs. Parker; and Charles Austin, a travelling man, who married Ella Smith, of Ludlow, Vt., and resides in Rutland. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have had four children, namely: Fred C., born June 27, 1858; Frank B., born May 29, 1860, who died in 1863; Jennie L., born November 10, 1864; and Carl Austin, born April 28, 1879. Fred C., who graduated from the Agricultural College in Hanover with the class of 1880, is now a merchant in Acworth, N.H. He wedded Mary Stafford, of Lempster, who has had two children: Bertha, born in March, 1893, who died in infancy; and Leslie Hiram, born November 13, 1895, who died January 5, 1897. Jennie L., a graduate of the Claremont High School, is now the wife of Herbert F. Olm-

stead, who is a native of Sutton, Canada, and a dealer in musical instruments in Lempster. She has one son, Percy F., born May 14, 1893. Carl Austin Parker is attending the Kimball Union Academy in Meriden.

ALVIN W. SANDERS, one of the leading merchants of Pittsfield, was born in this town, October 5, 1850, son of William and Adeline (Reynolds) Sanders. His grandfather, Samuel Sanders, who was a resident of Strafford, N.H., followed shoemaking and farming throughout the active period of his life, and died at the age of seventy years. Samuel's wife, whose maiden name was Betsey Cater, lived to be eighty years old. She was the mother of nine children, all now deceased, of whom William was the youngest.

William Sanders was born in Strafford, and reared upon a farm. He learned the shoemaker's trade, and afterward worked at it, and also conducted a good farm in Pittsfield. In politics he was a Democrat. He married for his first wife Abiagail Sanders, widow of William Sanders, of Strafford; and by that union there were five children, of whom the only survivor is Betsey. His second marriage was contracted with Adeline, daughter of John Reynolds, of Strafford; and she became the mother of five children, four of whom are living — Alvin W., Martin, Clara, and George. Martin wedded Eva Noyes, of Barnet, Vt.; and Clara is the wife of Benjamin Rollins, of Concord, N.H., and has two children — Florence and Bertha. Mrs. William Sanders, who is seventy-two years old, is residing at the homestead in this town.

Alvin W. Sanders acquired his education in the schools of Barnstead, N.H. During the ensuing three years he was employed in various cotton-mills in this State. Then he was connected with the New Hampshire Insane Asylum for eleven years, serving in the capacity of keeper for five years, and afterward having charge of the culinary department. On leaving the asylum he returned to Pittsfield, where in 1889, after working in the shoe shops for three years, he opened a general store. He deals in groceries, provisions, grain, and feed, and receives a large share of patronage.

On October 23, 1873, Mr. Sanders was united in marriage with Augusta Sanborn, daughter of Frank and Nancy (Flanders) Sanborn, of Salisbury, N.H. Politically, Mr. Sanders is a Prohibitionist. He is connected with Suncook Lodge, I. O. O. F., in the important chairs of which he has served. Both he and Mrs. Sanders are members of the Free Will Baptist church.

JOHN F. BARTLETT, Postmaster of Suncook and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Newton Upper Falls, Mass., November 15, 1836, son of George W. and Jane (Nickelson) Bartlett. His grandfather, Abijah Bartlett, who served as a sailor in the War of 1812, was a rope-maker in Salem, Mass. Abijah married Elizabeth Bartlett, of Marblehead, and reared a family of six children.

George W. Bartlett, born in Marblehead, resided in Newton Upper Falls and later in Nashua, N.H., where he followed the business of store-keeper. He died at the age of forty-five years. In politics he was originally a Whig, but later became a Democrat. His wife, Jane, who was a native of Marblehead, became the mother of eleven children, of whom Mary Ann, John F., Benjamin B., and Susan M. are living. Mary Ann married for her

first husband Clark T. Rose, by whom she has two children — William C. and Lilly. By her second husband, Ozem Hurd, she has had no children. Susan M. is the wife of Albert F. Barney, of Laconia, N.H.; and her children are: Henrietta and Carrie. Mrs. George W. Bartlett, who is still living, was born July 4, 1806, is now over ninety years old, and enjoys good health. She is a member of the Methodist church.

John F. Bartlett attended schools in Newton Upper Falls, Mass., and in Nashua and Hookset, N.H. After his studies were completed, he was employed in a mill in Hookset for a short time. At the age of seventeen he went to Lowell, Mass., where he served an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade. After following this trade as a journeyman in Boston for twelve years, he purchased a residence in Allenstown, N.H., and therein made his home. He continued in the machinist's business for several years after working in Manchester and Hookset. He then engaged in the restaurant business in Suncook, opening an establishment on each side of the river. Subsequently he disposed of his interest in these places and went to the mining districts of the West, where he remained for a short period and was fairly successful. Returning to Suncook, he entered the grocery and provision business, which he conducted for about twelve years. Then he retired from trade, and was for some years engaged in farming. In 1894 he was appointed Postmaster at Suncook village, and is still serving in that capacity.

On October 31, 1858, Mr. Bartlett was joined in marriage with Mary Elizabeth Gordon, daughter of Joseph Quincy Gordon, of Kingston, N.H. They have three children — Ada, Henrietta, and George F. Ada married Dr. J. B. Pettingill, of Amherst, N.H., and has four children — Edith, George, Grace, and Frank. Henrietta is the wife of George W. Fowler, of Manchester, N.H., and has one son, Sherborne. George F. married Viola A. Page, of Pembroke, N.H., and has one daughter, Edith May. Mrs. Bartlett died August 4, 1894, aged fifty-seven years and nine months. In politics Mr. Bartlett is a Democrat, and he has long been a leading spirit in local affairs. He was a member of the Prudential Committee for three years, and of the Board of Selectmen in 1875; and he was tendered nomination to the latter office for the following year, but declined to serve. He was Town Treasurer for three years, and has held other offices. In 1888 he was elected a Representative to the legislature. He is connected with the Masonic Lodge in Pembroke, and has occupied all of the important chairs in the lodge of Odd Fellows. Mr. Bartlett attends the Baptist church.

ALBERT S. WAIT, of Newport, the oldest lawyer in active practice in Sullivan County, was born in Chester, Windsor County, Vt., April 14, 1821, son of Daniel and Cynthia (Reed) Wait. His grandfather, John Wait, was among the early settlers of Mason, N.H. John moved to Weston, Vt., and was a sturdy farmer of that Green Mountain town and a highly respected member of the community. He died in Weston at a good old age. His children were: James, John Sumner, Daniel Amos, Lucinda, and Mrs. Davis.

Daniel Wait, who followed the trade of blacksmith, was a Brigadier-general in the State militia and in his last years a Justice of the Peace. He first settled in Chester and afterward in the village of Saxton's River, Rockingham, Vt. He was grand juror of the town of Rockingham, which is an office pe-

culiar to the State of Vermont. A man of good judgment, he had the esteem of his fellow-townsmen. In religion he was a Universalist. He was a Democrat in politics, and one of two men in Chester village who voted for Andrew Jackson. He died in 1856 or 1857, at the age of seventy. His wife, who belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, died when ninety-two years of age. Their children were: Martha E. Spaulding, who lives in West Springfield, Mass.; Sarah A. Spaulding, now deceased; Otis F. R., who was a prominent man of Claremont, an historian and Justice of the Peace, and died in 1895; Albert S., the subject of this sketch; and Daniel H., who died at the age of nine years.

Albert S. Wait spent his boyhood in Chester and Rockingham, Vt. His early education was obtained in the schools of Chester. He began the study of law at the village of Saxton's River, in the office of Judge Daniel Kellogg, and was admitted to the bar in 1846 at Newfane, Windham County, Vt. He first located in Alstead, N.H., remaining there untilt he year 1857, when he removed to Newport. Here he was in partnership with the Hon. Edmund Burke for ten years. Since the termination of that connection he has been in practice alone. He is to-day the oldest lawyer in the county in active practice.

Mr. Wait has been married three times. His present wife, formerly Miss Ella O. Eno, of Westfield, Mass., has one daughter, Minerva S. Wait. His religious creed is the Congregational. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Industrial School. He is connected with the Masonic fraternity by membership in Mount Vernon Lodge, of which he has been Master. He has also been District Deputy Grand Master. He is likewise a member of the New Hampshire State Historical Society and an honorary member of the Naval Order of the United States. Mr. Wait ranks among the leading men of his profession, and is mentioned in English law books as an authority on fine points of law.

CHARLES L. KENNEY, a prosperous farmer of Loudon and son of Bradley H. and Rebecca (Pease) Kenney, was born in this town, July 9, 1844. His grandfather, Joseph Kenney, was one of the early settlers of the town, where he was engaged in farming. Joseph went West in his later years, and died in Minnesota, at the home of his daughter. His son, Bradley, a cooper by trade, who was also engaged in farming, died in May, 1882. Bradley's wife, Rebecca, who came from Barnstead, N.H., died in 1844. They had four children: Mary Ann, who is the wife of Joseph A. Foster, and lives in Manchester; Clarissa, who died in April, 1895; Caroline, who married Joseph Hutchinson, and lives in Concord, N.H.; and the subject of this sketch. All received a good common-school education, and the daughters went to select schools.

Charles L. Kenney lived at home with his parents until his marriage. His estate, known as the Dimond farm, which was willed to him by his father, now contains about one hundred and twenty-five acres of good land. An industrious and capable farmer, he has much improved the property since it came into his possession. In politics he is a Republican. In 1869, December 2, he married Myra Knowles, of Canterbury, where she was born October 6, 1844, daughter of Lester and Rebecca (Huntoon) Knowles. Mr. Knowles was a native of Gilmanton, where he died in February, 1875. His wife, born in Canterbury, and now in her eighty-eighth year, re-

sides in Penacook. Mr. and Mrs. Kenney have three children, namely: Maude, the wife of Chester Norris, living near her father in Loudon; and Ellen and Forest B., who reside with their parents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kenney are members of the Free Will Baptist church. Mr. Kenney is also a Deacon of the society and the superintendent of the Sunday-school.

FRANK HENRY CARR, one of the patriotic men who periled his life in the cause of the Union during the late Civil War, now an enterprising mill-owner of West Hopkinton, was born in West Hopkinton, February 8, 1841, son of Thomas W. and Caroline (Connor) Carr. The grandfather, John Carr, removed from West Newbury, Mass., to Concord, N.H., where he kept an inn for a short time. From Concord he came to West Hopkinton about the year 1821, making his residence on a farm which had been presented to his wife by her brother, Thomas Williams. While a carriage-maker by trade, he had a natural aptitude for general mechanical work. One of the most cherished possessions of his grandson's family to-day is an old 'cello made by him in his leisure hours. In politics he was an ardent Whig. He died on the old farm at the age of seventy-five. His wife, Abigail, who survived him some years, attaining the age of eighty-six, was a magnificent specimen of New England womanhood, strong, energetic, and cheerful up to the day of her death. She left a lasting impression upon her grandchildren, then growing up about her. Mr. and Mrs. John Carr had a family of eight children — Anna, Eliza, Emma, Abigail, Almira, Helen, Samuel, and Thomas Williams.

Thomas W. Carr spent his early life upon the farm. While quite a young man, he was a Captain of militia. Later he engaged in farming and lumbering. The latter business was carried on in a factory the beam of which was twenty-four inches square and seventy feet long, and much heavy timber was turned out. He was a well-read man and a Republican in politics. He married Caroline Connor, of Henniker, daughter of George and Hannah (Campbell) Connor. They had eight children — Philip, John Alfred, George Titcomb, Thomas Tyler, Frank Henry, Charles Clinton, Caroline Elizabeth, and Ellen Bruce. Philip died at the age of ten. John Alfred is now living in Boston. Caroline Elizabeth is a trained nurse in Concord. Ellen Bruce, who married William Carpenter, of Manchester, died two years after her marriage. Of this family four sons fought in the Civil War, one giving up his life therein. George Titcomb served in the United States Navy. In September, 1861, Thomas Tyler enlisted in Company B, Second New Hampshire Volunteers, was made Sergeant, served his full term, and was wounded at Fair Oaks and Gettysburg. Charles Clinton enlisted in the Fourteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, on September 23, 1862, being then a boy of nineteen. He was wounded at Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864, and died in the hospital at Winchester, Va., November 2 of the same year. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Carr spent their last years in West Hopkinton with their son Frank Henry.

Frank Henry Carr lived with his parents until he was eighteen years old, at which age he went to Henniker. He enlisted September 28, 1861, in Company G, Second Regiment of United States Sharpshooters, mustering for service December 12, 1861, at Concord. Discharged on the expiration of his term, he enlisted again December 21, 1863, at Culpeper, Va., in the same command; was made

Sergeant before Petersburg, November 1, 1864; was transferred to the Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers, January 30, 1865, becoming at the same time Orderly Sergeant of Company B; was promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant in the same company on the first of the following May; and was mustered out July 8 of the same year. This brave soldier and patriot was engaged in over eighty battles and skirmishes, including the second Bull Run, Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Gettysburg. At Fredericksburg he was captured by the Confederates, and confined in Libby Prison until January 14, 1863, when he was sent on parole to Annapolis and exchanged, regaining his regiment at Fredericksburg. At Gettysburg he received three slight gunshot wounds, not enough, however, to keep him from duty. He was one of the five members of his company who lost no time in the service except while imprisoned. After the war he returned to Henniker, where he remained until December, 1871, working in a kit factory and grist-mill. In 1872 he bought a mill in West Hopkinton, where he engaged in manufacturing mackerel kits. When the mill-dam was swept away in 1876, besides rebuilding it he put in new machinery, adding a saw-mill and a shingle machine. Since then he has done general saw-mill work, although selling mainly to dealers. He cuts a million feet of timber in a season, and he has cleared off a large acreage of stumpage. Besides the property in West Hopkinton, he owns a farm in Henniker, holding it chiefly for its lumber.

In 1868 Mr. Carr married Mary A. Chandler, daughter of William and Anne (Straw) Chandler. They have four children, namely: Anna Caroline, now married to Arthur W. Dow, of Henniker; William Thomas, a saw-mill operator, living at home; Clara Lucy, who was training at a surgical hospital in Boston, and died March 6, 1897, of pleuro-pneumonia; and John Frank, who lives at home. The family are held in high esteem by their fellow-townsmen. In politics Mr. Carr has always been a Republican. He is greatly respected for his business integrity as well as for his devotion to his country.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON MOODY, of Claremont, a retired shoe manufacturer and one of the wealthiest and most prominent men of New Hampshire, was born here, May 10, 1842, son of Jonathan Moody. His father made shoes by hand, employing several men in his business. Jonathan Moody took a lively interest in military matters throughout his life. A tenor drummer of reputation, he was always in demand at military training and at muster.

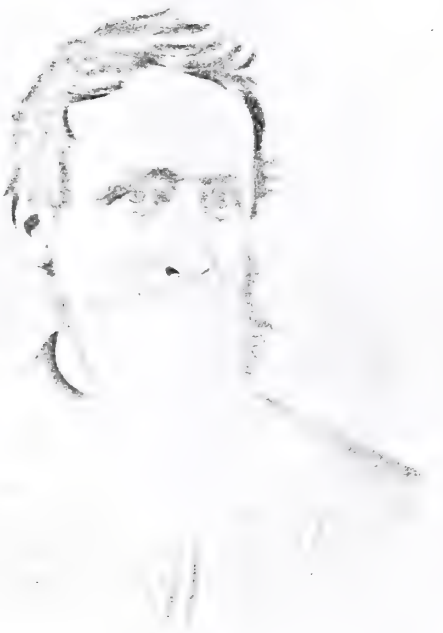
The subject of this sketch, the seventh child in a family of eleven, was named for President William Henry Harrison. When fourteen years old, he entered the shoe factory of Russell W. Farwell, of Claremont, to learn the business; and he continued with that firm four years. In 1861 he enlisted in Troop L, New England Cavalry, served for a few months in the Civil War, and was then honorably discharged. In the fall of 1862 he engaged as travelling salesman for a large shoe jobbing firm in Boston, and was very successful in selling goods all over the country. His employers took him into partnership in 1867, when the firm name became McGibbons, Moody & Raddin. His capital was little more than ability and knowledge of the business. In 1873 he became a partner in the firm of Crain, Moody & Rising, who established a shoe manufactory at Amoskeag, N.H., employing one hundred hands, and making shoes for the Western and Southern trade. After a

few years, the business having outgrown its quarters, the firm removed to Nashua, where they remained about seven years. Then the shoe manufacturing firm of Moody, Estabrook & Anderson was organized. Mr. Moody's relations with this firm continued until the spring of 1896, when he retired, selling his interest to his partners. The manufactory became the largest of its kind in the country, its business amounting to about two millions of dollars per annum. The goods are sold wholly to jobbing houses in the South and West. The firm has an office and warehouse in Boston. Mr. Moody, well known among the leather people of that city, is a Director in the National Shoe and Leather Bank there. Since he went to Boston, he has acquired one of the largest fortunes in the State. His deep interest in the welfare of his native place, with his generous support of everything for the advantage of the town, has made him one of the most prominent and popular men of Claremont. He is the owner of the property of the Hotel Claremont, where he spends most of the winter months. The hotel is one of the best and largest in the State.

In 1878 Mr. Moody bought what was known for many years as the Mann farm of eighty-seven acres, located about a mile south of the village. To this farm he has constantly added; and the farm contains to-day six hundred acres, the larger part of it pasture. At a great expense he has erected a magnificent series of buildings, making it one of the finest properties in the State. As a relief from business cares he is interested in the breeding of fine horses, and the possessor of a large number of thoroughbreds. Mr. Moody has spent some time abroad for the benefit of his health, but Highland View affords him pastime and diversion such as he can find nowhere else. He has expended thousands of dollars annually in the improvement of the estate, and has thus added to the wealth, importance, and beauty of his native town, for which he has always had a strong affection.

Mr. Moody was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Maynard, daughter of Levi P. and Lorana (Orr) Maynard, the former being a native of Bath, Me., and the latter of Bowdoinham, Me. Through his remarkable success in business he has been able to do much for his townspeople in different ways, and has proved himself by his generous acts one of the most liberal and philanthropic of men.

CHARLES GILKEY, a prominent resident of Cornish, who was formerly engaged in the gunsmith business, is a native of Plainfield, N.H., born September 29, 1826. Charles Gilkey, his grandfather, born in Connecticut, was the first of the family to come to Plainfield. He came originally as agent of a wealthy Connecticut family, and remained in their employ for some time. After failing in an attempt to buy a farm with the Continental money in which his salary was paid, owing to the depreciated value of that currency then, he succeeded in leasing one from the State for nine hundred and ninety-nine years. This property is still in the possession of the family, subject to an annual rental of six or eight dollars, which is paid to the treasurer of the Episcopal church of the town. Grandfather Gilkey married Lucy Avery, who bore him five children — Jonathan, John, Charles, William, and James. Jonathan married a Miss Spaulding, and lived in Vermont. John married and spent his life in Vermont, working at the trade of ship-carpenter. He had one daughter, who married the Rev. Robert Christie. Charles was drowned when a young man. William died young.



CHARLES GILKEY.

James Gilkey, the father of Charles Gilkey, a native of Connecticut, born in September, 1769, came to Cornish when about seven years old. By trade he was a mechanical woodcutter, in which he carried on a large business for some time. After the death of his brother Charles he took charge of the farm. Highly esteemed in the community, he served in every office in the gift of the town, including that of legislative Representative. He married Naomi Smith, of Plainfield, who was born in December, 1805. Their children were: Charles, the subject of this sketch; George, born in Cornish, who died in 1849; James, born in Plainfield, who was a railroad man, and died in Arkansas of a fever contracted there; Jeannette, who married Wats Beckworth, of Kansas; John, who is living on the old homestead in Cornish; Julia, who married Ed Bryant, of Cornish, had four children, and died in 1889; and Asa, living in Brattleboro, who for a number of years was an officer of the Asylum for the Insane, bought a farm, married Lizzie Harris, and has one daughter, Edith.

Charles Gilkey, the eldest child of his parents, was educated in the schools of Plainfield. He then learned the trade of mechanical woodcarver, and worked at Worcester and Chicopee, Mass., in Connecticut, and at Windsor, Vt. Inheriting the mechanical genius of his father, he had no difficulty in taking up the manufacture of guns for a firm that was under contract to make a thousand guns for the Russian government. In 1861, when the Civil War broke out, the United States government took all the guns the factory could turn out. A large part of the guns carried by General Butler's troops on his trip to New Orleans were made by this concern. While in Worcester, Mr. Gilkey made the machinery for the first double-barrel gun manufactured. After a time his health gave out, and he bought the large farm in Cornish where he now resides. He has been prominent in town affairs, has been Highway Surveyor and a member of the School Board, and he was Collector of Taxes when only twenty-one years of age. In politics he is an independent, preferring to vote for the best man or for the party exemplifying the best principles. He showed his honesty in this respect by voting in the last two elections respectively for Cleveland and McKinley.

Mr. Gilkey married Laura A., daughter of Titus and Lucy (Mills) Sheppard. Mrs. Gilkey was born in Dudley, Mass., in July, 1820, and died February 2, 1897. Her paternal grandfather and great-grandfather were born in Dudley. Her maternal grandfather, Nathaniel Mills, came from Scotland to Thompson, Conn., where he was the first of the name. Her grandmother Mills was born in Thompson, Conn. The house in which Mr. Gilkey lives, although about one hundred and fifty years old, is in an excellent condition still. Its timbers of solid oak are, to all appearances, good for another century and a half. For years it was considered the prettiest cottage in the district. Among many interesting relics preserved by the family is a barrel used for packing pork, that had been used for thirty years by Mrs. Gilkey, and no one knows how long it was in use before. Even the brine, which is submitted to an annual purifying process is, at least part of it, thirty years old.

WILLIAM H. CARTER, a thrifty farmer of Canterbury and a son of John and Lydia (Gill) Carter, was born December 20, 1842. His grandfather, Nathan Carter, who was born in Boscawen,

N.H., April 6, 1762, lived in this town all his life. Nathan carried on farming, and conducted a tavern, and died September 21, 1841. His wife, Sarah, died May 8, 1845. They had five children, namely: Judith, born December 5, 1787, who married John French, and died December 13, 1871; Moses, born August 6, 1790, who died May 30, 1851; John, born December 10, 1797, the father of the subject of this sketch; Jeremiah, born February 20, 1803, who died in 1871; and Nathan, born February 4, 1807, who died February 16, 1875.

John Carter in his younger days was employed in rafting lumber down the river, although his main business was farming. He resided at different times in Boscawen, East Concord, and Canterbury, and died August 12, 1871. His wife's death occurred February 4, 1890. They had six children: Bradbury G., born February 3, 1827, who married Asenath Spiller, and is now a widower living in Concord; Luther, born August 24, 1829, who married Mary Ann Coffin, and is engaged in the shoe business in Newburyport, Mass.; John, born March 25, 1832, who died in 1833; John (second), born March 15, 1834, who married Julia Bryant, and is a railroad man living in Norwalk, Ohio; Sarah R., born October 4, 1838, the widow of Robert G. Morrison, living in Boscawen; and William H., the subject of this sketch.

William H. Carter was a pupil of the Elmwood Academy in Boscawen. When twenty years old he went to Penacook, worked there at cabinet-making for a year and a half, and then returned home. Both he and his brother Luther joined the Union army. He enlisted September 1, 1864, in Company E, First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery, under Lieutenant Colonel Ira McL. Barton, Colonel Charles H. Long, and Captain Robert S. Davis. The regiment served in the defences of Washington for most of the time. Mr. Carter, who was a non-commissioned officer, received no wounds in the army, but was injured in health. He was discharged at Washington, D.C., June 15, 1865. He then went back to Penacook, proceeding later to Canterbury, where he remained with his parents until their death. He settled on his present farm, known as the old Blodgett farm, in 1865. The property contains about one hundred acres. Besides making many other improvements, he has remodelled the buildings.

Mr. Carter was married February 5, 1865, to Martha Ann Wheeler, daughter of Colonel John and Mary Jane (Blanchard) Wheeler. Colonel Wheeler, who came from Concord, Mass., and obtained his military title in the State militia, was a stone-cutter in early life, afterward a farmer, and died June 4, 1880. His wife is living with her son in Canterbury.

In politics Mr. Carter is a Republican. He has been a Selectman of the town, and he served on the School Board for three years, besides holding other less important offices. A comrade of the G. A. R., he belongs to W. I. Brown Post, No. 31, of Penacook.

SAMUEL CHOATE, a prominent farmer of Boscawen, was born here, February 24, 1830, son of Royal and Hannah (Sawyer) Choate, who were natives respectively of Boscawen and Salisbury, N.H. His great-grandfather, Thomas Choate, who came from Ipswich, Mass., to Boscawen about 1788, settled on the same farm and occupied the same house where the present Mr. Choate now resides. Samuel, a son of Thomas and grandfather of the present Samuel, born March 18, 1769, in Ipswich, came with his father to this farm; and the two lived

there the rest of their lives. Two interesting documents preserved by him were a commission, signed by King George, dated October 29, 1761, and another signed by John Langdon, bearing the dates, December 15, 1801; June 28, 1808; and September 10, 1810. He was married successively to Betsy Kimball, Nancy Jackman, and Mary Loomis, all now deceased. There was one child by the first marriage, Isaac Chandler, born in 1794, who died in 1860. By the second marriage there were five children: Royal, the father of Samuel, Jr.; Betsey, born December 9, 1797, who died in January, 1826; Anna, born April 13, 1800, who died August 28, 1862; Maria, born August 12, 1802; and Nancy, born October 22, 1804. The children of the third union were: Mary, born in 1810, who died January 7, 1827; Sophia, born in 1818, who died in infancy; and Samuel, born in 1815, who died in the same year. The father died June 12, 1847.

Royal Choate, born June 12, 1796, was a well-known farmer of Boscawen. His first wife, Hannah Sawyer Choate, died July 31, 1833. He made a second marriage with Mrs. Eliza Huckins Mewers, of New Hampton, N.H., who was born October 6, 1812, and died December 26, 1881. There were three children by the first marriage — David S., Samuel, and Nancy J. David, who was born November 28, 1827, died February 21, 1833; and Nancy J., who was born November 5, 1832, became the wife of Moses C. Sanborn, of Concord, and died November 24, 1895. Royal and Lucy were the children of the second marriage. Royal, born April 25, 1846, is now married, lives in Boscawen, and has two children — Elmer and Van Ness. Lucy, born October 3, 1849, married John F. Colby, now deceased, and lives in Boscawen. The father died March 27, 1882.

Samuel Choate received a common-school education. He worked on the farm until he was twenty-one, when the property was left in his charge by his father, who moved to another farm. He still lives on the old homestead, and owns about three hundred and sixty-five acres of land. The place is well kept by him, and has been improved by the addition of new buildings. He raises sheep, and carries on some dairy business, keeping about twenty head of cattle. In 1881 he was a Representative in the State legislature. He has been Selectman for about eight years, served as Collector ten years, and has been Supervisor. He is a member of Contoocook Lodge, No. 27, I. O. O. F., of Penacook, takes an active interest in politics, and votes the Republican ticket.

Mr. Choate was married November 3, 1859, to Caroline M. Perkins, of Georgetown, Mass., daughter of Samuel and Mahala (Marden) Perkins, the former of Deerfield and the latter of Newburyport. Mr. Perkins, who belonged to Deerfield, and was a shoemaker by trade, died January 1, 1885. His wife, who was a native of Newburyport, Mass., died in 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Choate have two children: Mary H., born July 20, 1863; and Lizzie M., born January 10, 1865. Both live with their parents. Mr. Choate is a Deacon of the First Congregational Church, and his wife is also an esteemed member of the society.

CREED LEWIS, the well-known horse dealer and auctioneer of Unity, was born in Marlow, N.H., July 10, 1837, son of Gilbert and Orrilla H. (Huntley) Lewis. His grandfather, Dudley Lewis, was a prosperous farmer and lifelong resident of Marlow. Gilbert Lewis was born and reared in Marlow. In 1839 he moved to

Goshen, where he conducted a store, and remained three years. In 1842 he located in East Unity, and was there engaged in farming for some time. His last days were passed on a farm in Unity Centre, where he died November 16, 1872, aged sixty-two years. His wife, Orrilla, who was born in Duxbury, Vt., daughter of the Rev. Isaiah Huntley, became the mother of three children, namely: C. Reed, the subject of this sketch; Corrinna O., now the wife of Thomas T. Smith, who is a watchmaker, and resides in Canton, Ohio; and Nathan G., who died June 19, 1862, aged seventeen years. Mrs. Gilbert Lewis was eighty-one years old when she died, April 20, 1893.

C. Reed Lewis was educated in his native town. At the age of nineteen he went to Decorah, Ia., where he bought a farm, and remained a year. He next went to Oneida, Ill., where he was employed as a farm assistant for the same length of time. After his return to New Hampshire he purchased a farm near the village of Unity. He occupied that property until 1889, during which time he attained prosperity as a general farmer and stock dealer. Then selling it, he bought the Gilman place, where he now resides. This estate contains three hundred and fifty acres, which for the most part are under cultivation. In addition he owns some outlying land. The greater part of his time is given to auctioneering and the buying of horses, which are shipped to him from Boston.

In March, 1856, Mr. Lewis married Hattie E. Sleeper, daughter of John and Caroline Sleeper, of Unity. Mrs. Lewis is the mother of three children, namely: Nellie, born in June, 1862; Olive, born in May, 1870; and Emily, born in May, 1872. Nellie was educated in Claremont, N.H., and is now teaching school. Olive is the wife of Charles Hoffman, a plumber of Windsor, Vt. Emily is employed by the Falls Mountain Paper Company at Bellows Falls, Vt. In politics Mr. Lewis supports the Democratic party, and he served as Collector of Taxes for four years. He is widely known throughout this section for his energy and business ability, and he has the confidence of his many friends and acquaintances.

JESSE W. S. MOON, a retired farmer, living in the village of Bradford, was born in Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County, N.Y., August 12, 1845. His parents, Jesse and Sophia (Barker) Moon, are well known in Bradford through their frequent visits to their son. Mr. Moon was reared on a farm, living with his parents until December 30, 1863, when he enlisted for service in the Civil War in the Eleventh New York Cavalry as a recruit, joining his regiment in Washington soon after. He served in the South, mostly in New Orleans. In the spring of 1864 he did guard on various plantations lying along the Mississippi, being for some months at Baton Rouge. He was honorably discharged May 16, 1865, at Memphis, Tenn.

Returning to New York State, Mr. Moon was employed on the old homestead for a few years. In December, 1869, he went to Boston to work. While there he bought his present farm in Bradford, of which he took possession in July, 1874. His estate comprises two hundred and fifty acres of tillage and timber land and five hundred acres of pasture. He has carried on mixed farming, paying much attention to dairying, having a fine herd of thirty full-blooded Ayrshire cattle, which he considers the best milk producers. By remodelling and repairing the dwelling, and erecting new and commodious barns and out-buildings, he has made his farm one of the best ap-

pointed properties in the vicinity. Recently he removed to the village, where he and his family are regarded as a most desirable acquisition to the community. In politics he has been a lifelong Republican, and has always voted the Republican ticket. While he is not an office-seeker, he has served as Selectman.

On January 10, 1867, at Burlington, Vt., Mr. Moon married Miss Susan F. Delano, who was born in Duxbury, Mass., daughter of Melzar P. and Susan F. (English) Delano. Her father, who was a cousin of Columbus Delano, came of French ancestry, his progenitors in France having borne the name of d'Lanoi. He was a cooper and graver in his early years, working at his trade in Boston and Medford, Mass. Afterward he removed to New York City, where he was engaged as a lumber dealer until his death. While in New York he bought a farm in Vermont, where he and his family could spend their summers free from the heat and dust of the city. During one of their periodical stays at the farm his daughter Susan first met her future husband. Mr. and Mrs. Moon have four daughters; namely, Fannie A., Emily R., Susie M., and Lizzie E. Susie has taught school for several terms in Bradford. Lizzie E., who is an accomplished musician, takes especial pride in the possession of a remarkably fine piano. Bright, ambitious girls, all are self-supporting. Mr. Moon is a member of Robert Campbell Post, No. 58, G. A. R. Mrs. Moon is a Universalist in belief, but not a church member. She and her family work in harmony with the Presbyterians.

GEORGE H. ADAMS, of Hill, the senior proprietor of the Hill Needle Factory, was born at Haverhill, Mass., son of the late Harrison Adams, the founder of the needle industry in this place. The first of the Adams family in this country was Enoch Adams, the great-grandfather of George H. He came to America from England, and settled, first in Newbury, and afterward in Salisbury, N.H. His last years were spent in the western part of the latter town, near Kearsarge Mountain. His son, Russel, after his marriage with Susanna Fifield, moved to Hill, where a family of eight children were born to him. Of these the only survivor is Enoch, who resides in Belmont, N.H.

In early life Harrison Adams was a shoemaker and worked in Massachusetts. Subsequently on account of failing health he returned to Hill and carried on a farm here for about fifteen years. He moved into the village proper in 1866, after which he had no regular occupation for several years. He then started the needle business with his sons and others, and afterward retained an interest in the concern until his death at the age of seventy-five years. He was the second Republican to represent this town in the State legislature, and he served in the capacity of Selectman and in other town offices. A devoted member of the Congregational church, at the time of his death he had been senior Deacon, for some time. His wife, in maidenhood Margaret Morse, was the mother of George H. and Charles F. Adams.

George H. Adams, the elder son of Harrison Adams, has always been a progressive and active man. Educated in the public schools, he afterward worked on a farm and then in a grocery store at Charlestown, Mass. Subsequently, after working for six years on the farm of his wife's father, he bought an interest in the needle factory, and has made that his chief object of attention since. In 1868 he married Miss Abbie Shaw, of Sanbornton,

N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have had four children, of whom Erving died when a little more than three years old. The others are: Mary K., Abbie J., and Frank B. Mr. Adams represented the town in the legislature in 1891. He is a Mason and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Like his father, he is an esteemed member of the Congregational church. In politics he is a Republican, and he cast his first vote for General Grant in 1868.

HUBBARD ALONZO BARTON, of Newport, a member of the present firm of editors and publishers of the *New Hampshire Argus and Spectator*, was born in Croydon, N.H., May 12, 1842, son of Caleb L. and Bethiah (Tuck) Barton. The Bartons are descended from English emigrants who came to the country previous to 1640. They have embraced many who have become distinguished in the learned professions and in other vocations in life. The great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill, and he was a near relative of General Barton of Revolutionary fame. The great-grandfather, Benjamin Barton, Jr., who was born in Sutton, Mass., in 1755, also fought for American independence at Bunker Hill, Bennington, West Point, and New York City. He married Mehitable Frye in 1779, removed to Croydon in March, 1784, and there in turn served in all the offices within the gift of his adopted town. His son John, an extensive landholder and a successful farmer, was distinguished for his common sense. Caleb L. Barton, a native of Croydon, N.H., born February 5, 1815, was one of the most successful and substantial farmers of that town. He has now retired from active business, and lives at East Village, Croydon. In religion he is a Universalist. A Democrat in politics, he has been Selectman and has served in minor offices. His three children, Mrs. Ethan Smith, Sullivan Barton, of Croydon, and Hubbard A., are all living.

Hubbard Alonzo Barton was partly educated in the common schools. He was also taught in private by the late John Cooper, a man of extensive learning and a well-known instructor. Early in life he began to contribute to the press both in prose and verse. Afterward all the time he could spare from his farm occupations was devoted to study. He served as Superintendent of the Schools of Croydon for seven years in succession, during which period the work done by these institutions was very satisfactory. In April, 1879, he and W. W. Prescott purchased from Henry G. Carleton and Matthew Harvey the *New Hampshire Argus and Spectator*, a Democratic paper established in 1823 by Mr. Barton's great-uncle, Cyrus Barton, who in his day exercised a wide influence in the political affairs of the State; and he has since been its senior editor and proprietor. The firm is now Barton & Wheeler, the latter having purchased Mr. Prescott's interest in the fall of 1880. Since Mr. Barton became connected with the paper, it has been enlarged several times, new and improved printing machinery introduced, and the circulation of the paper greatly increased. The following, from the Portsmouth *Daily Times*, in January, 1897, shows the estimation in which the paper is held: "The *New Hampshire Argus and Spectator*, published at Newport, this State, comes to us in enlarged size and improved form and in a brand-new dress. It has been changed from an eight-column folio to a sixteen-column quarto — a change which all its patrons will acknowledge is an improvement when they get used to

it, although it is likely that some of them will be displeased with it at first. 'Habit is second nature,' and they are used to the old blanket sheet. The *Argus* is a credit to its proprietors, to its section of the State, and to the State. Its editorial department has been conducted with dignity, ability, and fairness; and it has given due attention to local matters and correspondence from neighboring towns — the 'strong holt' of a country paper. Such a paper is a positive factor in the progress of any district; and we are pleased to see that it is appreciated by the people of Sullivan County, as evidenced by the large outlay its proprietors have felt justified in incurring to make their previously good paper better than ever."

The following poem from the pen of Mr. Barton, which appeared in the *Granite Monthly*, is a sample of his composition in verse: —

CROYDON.

My native town, I love thee,
Thy hills and fields revere;
The God that rules above thee
Has shed his blessings here.

Thy rills and mountains teeming
With nature's rich display,
Thy grand old forests dreaming,
Have pictures bright and gay.

I fain with thee would tarry,
Because thou art so true:
Thou seem'st to me a fairy,
Bedecked with heaven's blue.

On April 27, 1882, Mr. Barton married Miss Ella L. Wilmarth, daughter of the late Jonathan M. Wilmarth, a prominent and well-known resident of Newport. He has one child, Henry Wilmarth Barton, born September 16, 1890. Mr. Barton is an attendant of the Congregational church. In politics he is a Democrat. He has taken an active part in Masonic matters, and is a member of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; of the Chapter of the Tabernacle, No. 19, Royal Arch Masons, and High Priest of the same for two years; and of Sullivan Commandery, K. T. He has also membership in Newport Lodge, No. 42, K. of P.; in the Granite State Club; and he is a Trustee of the Richard Free Library. Besides writing for his own paper, he is the correspondent of the New York *Herald* for Sullivan County.

OSMON B. WAY, M.D., a leading physician of Claremont, was born in Lempster, N.H., March 22, 1840, son of Gordon Way by his first wife, Abigail Perley Way.

His grandfather, George Way, settled in Lempster, removing from the neighborhood of New London. George became one of the town's most substantial residents. At his death he left a large family. His wife, Sarah Douglas Way, was a descendant of a noted family of Scotland and a relative of the distinguished Stephen A. Douglas.

Gordon Way, son of George, went to Claremont in 1844 with his family, and there took up farming, in which he was most successful. Believing that he could not fulfil the duties of public office without allowing them to interfere with his motto, "close application to work," he refused all appeals from his townspeople to enter into politics and public life. He was a Trustee of the Methodist church. The latter part of his life was passed quietly in the village. There were thirteen children by his first wife, who died in 1848 at the age of fifty. A lady of superior intellect, she was a sister of the wife of the late Dr. A. A. Miner and of the wife of the late Bishop Osmon C. Baker, LL.D. His second wife

had no children. He died July 31, 1880, at the age of eighty-two years. His daughter, Eliza M., now deceased, married O. B. Kidder, of Claremont, and removed to Minnesota. Alonzo G., George O., Edwin F., Orlo F., and Eliza all emigrated to Claremont, Minn., in 1854. Alonzo was the first white settler of the place, and gave the town its name. George, who is a dealer in real estate in Minneapolis, formerly resided in Claremont, Minn. His wife was the first white woman in Claremont. Edwin is a merchant, and the Judge of the Probate Court. Orlo F. is a noted farmer in Claremont, Minn. Of the other children Lucy A. married the Rev. J. C. Hoyt, and resides in New York; Louisa M. married Ira Colby, of Claremont, one of the first lawyers in the State of New Hampshire; Evaline married Eliacum Tandy, and died in 1848; Emaly died in the same year; Perley E. died in 1847; and the remaining two died in infancy.

Osmon B. Way was a typical farmer boy during his early years. He was educated at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, and studied medicine with the late Professor A. B. Crosby, M.D., of Hanover, and the late Dr. Nathaniel Tolles, of Claremont, teaching school in the meantime. He graduated at Dartmouth Medical College in 1865, receiving the first prize for scholarship. Later he took a thorough course in the colleges and hospitals of New York. After practising for a year and a half at South Acworth, he returned to Claremont in 1867, where he has since been busy in his profession. Appointed United States Examining Pension Surgeon in December, 1873, he resigned the office in May, 1882. He represented this locality in the State legislature in 1871 and 1872. He has served about fifteen years as Superintendent of Schools and nineteen years on the High School Committee. He has been Trustee of the Fiske Free Library from its inception; is a Director of the People's National Bank, of Claremont; and was formerly for many years President of the Board of Trade. Dr. Way is a member of the Masonic fraternity of the third degree. He is a prominent member of the Methodist church, has been a trustee twenty-five years, and president of the society nearly as long. He built and now owns one-third of the Union Block, the largest and most attractive business building of the town, if not of the State. The fine residence he occupies in Claremont is also his property. Having bought out the heirs of his father's estate, he owns the fine farm of two hundred acres in West Claremont for many years known as the old Way farm. The house, which is one of the old landmarks of the district, was built by the grandfather of the distinguished Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase in 1784. The farm is kept well stocked, and the Doctor enjoys many an hour of recreation in its rural seclusion. In recent years the Doctor has given much time and study to the subject of bacteriology and to pathological subjects. He is also an authority on all general diseases, especially all diseases arising from germs, to the investigation of which he has given special attention for the last ten years. Analytical and microscopical investigations have also occupied a large share of his time. In truth, he has a large reputation as a microscopist, bacteriologist, and pathologist. At the request of the townspeople he often gives most interesting and instructive lectures on the results of his investigations with the microscope. His genial disposition and peculiarly pleasing manners make him a fascinating lecturer.

In 1867 Mr. Way married first Martha L. Wightman, who died after one year of married happiness. In 1882 Mary J. Wightman, the

sister of the first Mrs. Way, became his wife. She had been a successful teacher in high school and college before marriage. She was many years instructor in the famous Gannett Institute, Boston. This gifted and highly educated woman takes the deepest interest in the study of bacteriology, and is her husband's constant companion and assistant in his researches. Dr. Way is a self-made man in the best sense. Public-spirited to a high degree, he takes an earnest interest in every measure calculated to advance the welfare of the town.

JAMES MADISON CONNOR, a successful and enterprising farmer of Hopkinton, was born in Henniker, N.H., August 21, 1828, son of James and Lydia (Kimball) Connor. His great-grandfather, David Connor, or O'Connor, and two brothers, all natives of Ireland, were the first settlers of the name in the district. The brothers settled in Exeter, near Lake Winnepesaukee. David, who took up his residence in Henniker, was a Revolutionary soldier. His son James, grandfather of James M., and who was later in life called Captain James, was born in Henniker. The Christian name of his wife was Dorcas.

When the subject of this sketch was three years old, his parents came to the south part of Hopkinton; and the father died there at the age of fifty-eight, having been an invalid for some time. The mother survived him for years, living to be seventy-five, and dying at her son's farm. Their children were: Isaac K., Harlowe, Lydia, and James Madison. Isaac is a mill-owner and carpenter in Warner, N.H. Harlowe is a carpenter, and lives in Lancaster, N.H. Lydia is the widow of Enoch Danforth, and lives in Hopkinton, near Stumpfield.

James Madison Connor learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it for several years. Afterward he purchased the small farm on which his sister now lives, reconstructed the buildings, and engaged in farming. The added responsibility of caring for his invalid father seemed to spur him to greater effort and better success. In the eight or ten years he spent on the first farm he had saved one thousand five hundred dollars. This sum he invested in a "run-down" farm of one hundred acres, which by extensive improvements he made a profitable place. Here he has made a specialty of the dairy business, keeping about twelve cows the year round, and making butter of the highest grade on a large scale with the use of the hand separator and other modern contrivances. At the World's Fair his dairy products carried off the medal with a score of ninety-nine points, while he also received a diploma for his display. He has often exhibited elsewhere, and always with the most gratifying results. His annual product, which is from two thousand five hundred pounds to three thousand pounds, is taken by private customers among the best families of Concord at the maximum price now of about thirty-one cents. His dairy stock is of the Guernsey breed, and his cows average nearly three hundred pounds of butter a year. He has been President of the State Dairymen's Association since its organization, ten years ago. The exhibit at Chicago was given under the auspices of this Association, they sending a man to take charge of it. About twenty years ago New Hampshire had no rank as a dairy State; but at the Fair it took the lead both as regards quantity and quality, and that in a number of competing displays. There are now about fifty creameries in the State, a fact that is largely due to the work of the Association. Mr. Connor is also the President of the Guernsey Creamery Company at Contoocook. A writer

for the press since he was twenty years old, he has been a valued contributor to agricultural publications on dairy matters and general farming. He has also read papers before the Board of Agriculture. He has been a member of Union Grange since its organization twenty years ago; the Master of Pomona Grange for some time; a member of the Executive Committee of the State Grange; and the chairman of the committee composed of all Masters of Pomona Granges in the State, and chosen to consider the subject of improving the roads. He is a Director and Trustee in the Grange Fire Insurance Company, which does a large business; and he is Treasurer of the Merrimack County Grange Fair Association. The latter, which is a grange organization exclusively, holds fairs at Warner, the old centre for such enterprises.

On December 20, 1859, Mr. Connor married Judith M., daughter of Ira A. and Hannah (Muzzy) Putney, of Hopkinton. They had four children — Maria P., Carrie J., Charles H., and Grace E. The first two live in Waltham, Mass., Maria being the wife of Frank Kimball; Grace is at home; and Charles H., who was born September 24, 1872, died October 18, 1896. Charles was a bright and popular young man, and his death left a sad blank in the community as well as in his home. He was elected Master of Union Grange before he was of age, and served two years. At the time of his death he held the office of District Deputy Inspector of the Grange. Mrs. Connor died May 9, 1877; and Mr. Connor married again September 6, 1881, taking for his second wife Catherine Hoyt Watson, daughter of Joseph G. and Catherine (Parmelee) Hoyt, of Newport, N.H. He is a member of the Congregational church, and he has been the superintendent of the society's Sunday-school. In politics he is a Democrat.

FRED BEAN, a progressive and skilful farmer of Warner, was born September 30, 1857, in Waterloo, Merrimack County, son of William H. Bean. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Bean, a native of New York State, was reared to manhood in Newburyport, Mass. Afterward he moved to Waterloo, where he spent his remaining days.

William H. Bean worked at the wheelwright's trade more or less until he started in the lumber business in company with his brother Daniel. He subsequently purchased the mill, and had carried on the manufacture of lumber alone for a number of years when he sold out in 1872. Thereafter he confined his attention to the management of his farm. This property is located in the lower edge of Waterloo, and is now occupied by the widow of his son Walter. He married Mary S. Colby, daughter of Philip S. Colby, who owned the farm just opposite his. She died in 1871, and he in 1892, at the venerable age of eighty-one years. They had a family of eight children, namely: Philip, who is in the hardware business in Concord, N.H.; William H. Bean, Jr., who was agent at the Hillsborough railway station for fifteen years, and died in 1891, at the age of fifty-three; Walter H., who was mail agent on the Boston & Maine for twenty years, kept a hotel in Claremont for a time, and died at Warner in February, 1895, at the age of fifty-five years; Harriet E., who resides in Warner, and is the widow of Henry M. Seavey; Sarah, who lived but a short time; Charles A., who died at the age of ten years; Fred, the special subject of this sketch; and Mary Lizzie, who died at the age of fifteen years. A coincidence of dates is noted regarding the births of the three older children. The first was born April 24, 1836; the second, April 24, 1838; and the third on March 24, 1840.

HERMAN W. GREENE.

Fred Bean remained at home until his marriage, there obtaining a practical experience in general agricultural work. On October 15, 1877, he married Miss Frances A., daughter of Francis and Abigail (Gage) Robbins. Immediately after he moved on to the Robbins homestead, which he has since conducted. Mr. Robbins was born July 9, 1815, in Mason, N.H. In early life he engaged in the lumber business at Enfield, N.H. Here he was married to Abigail Gage, who was born in that town, December 10, 1814. Subsequently he carried on the same business in connection with farming in the town of Sutton, coming from there to Warner in 1873, and erecting the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bean. Both he and his wife continued their residence here during the remainder of their lives, he dying December 10, 1884, and she December 31, 1893. Mr. Robbins, who possessed rare business ability, was a man of fine appearance, tall and well proportioned, weighing two hundred and fifty pounds. Besides carrying on the grain and lumber business in Warner for several years, he was an extensive landholder, owning three farms in Warner and one in Sutton. He bought a good deal of land for the sake of the timber, raising stock on it after clearing it. He made a specialty of sheep-raising, in which he had great success. In politics he was a Democrat, and both he and his wife were Adventists in religion.

After his marriage Mr. Bean continued the sheep-raising business commenced by Mr. Robbins, in addition to carrying on the farming. He also superintends one of the other farms, the other two having been disposed of by him. He keeps a large dairy, which brings him the most profit; and he has engaged to some extent in breeding fine roadsters. Mr. Bean was one of the incorporators of the Warner Glove Factory, and is now a Director. He is also a Director in the Farmers' Fair Association. In Masonry he is quite prominent and active. For three years he was Worthy Master of Harris Lodge, No. 91, F. & A. M., of Warner. He has served as Dictator and Deputy Grand in the Grand Lodge; and for a year he was High Priest of Wood Chapter, R. A. M., of Henniker. He has also been closely associated with the leading interests of the town, having served as Selectman for three years, being the Chairman of the Board for two years of that time. In 1889 he was elected a Representative to the State legislature, where he was active as a member of the Committees on Insurance and on Towns. A stanch Republican, he attends all the local party conventions. He takes deep interest in educational matters, and rendered valuable aid to the community as a member of the Free High School Committee for a period of three years. Mr. and Mrs. Bean have one daughter, Stella May, a girl of thirteen years. The three members of the family belong to the Baptist church. In the society Mr. Bean is a Deacon and the superintendent of the Sunday-school.

HERMAN WELLS GREENE, formerly a lawyer of considerable note in Hopkinton, was born here, April 11, 1836, son of Herman H. and Ellen Chase (Little) Greene. His only brother died at the age of fourteen years; and his only sister is now the wife of a Mr. Roberts, of Philadelphia, Pa. After receiving his early education in the public schools of Hopkinton and at Pembroke and Gilmanton Academies, he became interested in the legal profession, and read law with George & Foster, of Concord, and later with Beard & Nickerson, of Boston, Mass. On his twenty-first birthday he was admitted to the Suffolk County bar. At first

he practised with Charles E. Pike, afterward with Ithmar W. Beard and James P. Sullivan. Subsequently, on account of failing health, he returned to his native place, and did not practise for about seven years. On resuming his profession he was for a time associated with Carlos G. Hawthorne. In politics he was an enthusiast, and he held various offices of trust. He was Moderator of the town meeting for over twenty years all together, was Superintendent of Schools for five years, and State Representative in 1881, 1889, and 1891. In 1891 he took an active part in the debates of the legislature, and served on the Judicial and Railroad Committees. He was County Solicitor of Merrimack County five years, during which period he was obliged to be in Concord much of the time. In early life a Democrat, he afterward became a Republican, and served on the Republican State Committees, and generally attended the conventions. He was for a number of years Curator of the Hopkinton Antiquarian Society, and was Chairman of the Library Trustees.

Before he was of age Mr. Greene married Miss Frances Adeline Willard, of Hopkinton, who was brought up by her grandmother, Mrs. Sophia Tebbets. Mrs. Greene died March 2, 1873, leaving one son, Willard T., now a resident of Hopkinton. On September 18, 1877, Mr. Greene married for his second wife Miss Anstice Irene Clarke, daughter of Daniel W. and Ruhamah (Cochran) Clarke, of Canaan, N.H. Mrs. Clarke, who was left a widow by the death of her first husband, married Judge Horace Chase when Anstice was but nine years old; and they went to Hopkinton to live. Mrs. Greene has no children. She still lives in the old Greene homestead, the place which belonged to the beloved mother of her distinguished husband. Mr. Greene was an accomplished public speaker, ready with telling argument and bright repartee. He was versatile and quick to discern the drift of legislation. The important positions intrusted to him showed that he had the esteem and confidence of all. For years he was President of the State Republican League, and with that body attended the Baltimore Convention. Throughout his own State he was a noted speaker. In making public addresses he used no notes except for headings, and never wrote but one address. In his legislative career he was associated both in an official and warmly personal way with Dr. Gallinger, of Concord, the well-known United States Senator.

Mr. Greene died of apoplexy, March 1, 1896, at the age of sixty years. He had felt that death was impending, and had shortly before made the most orderly settlement of all his affairs. He was a tall, well-proportioned man, in manners affable and courteous, and in disposition calm and cheerful. Always a man of correct habits, his life was well-nigh blameless. A warm affection existed between him and his mother, partly because he was the only son left her. He remained with her for this reason, and these family ties kept him from going elsewhere and opening a law office. While he was not a member of any secret society, he belonged to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, of which he was Warden. The latter church contains a beautiful family memorial window designed by his niece, who is a noted artist, Miss Elsie Roberts, of Philadelphia. He was an unusually well-read man; and he had strong tendencies to art, especially to music.

NEWELL H. WEBSTER, now a prominent and affluent resident of Helena, Mont., was born November 29, 1836, in Henniker, a son of Jesse and Susan C. (Newell) Webster. An account of his

father's life will be found elsewhere in this volume. In his youth Newell was known as a remarkably bright lad, showing even then the vigor of intellect and strength of character inherited from his mother. After leaving school he learned the tailor's trade from his father, subsequently spending two years as a clerk in Boston. His health failing, a change of climate was advised; and, little thinking what the future years had in store for him, he bade farewell to his friends, and started westward, arriving in Minnesota early in 1861. At Hastings he joined a party engaged in surveying for a railway, being employed as chain carrier. His investigating turn of mind and natural desire for knowledge caused him to note the transit's record in a book of his own. Soon after he became expert in the use of the instruments, whereupon the engineer in charge placed him in charge of the transit. When the surveying in that State was completed, he received and accepted a flattering offer of an engagement in the same line of business in Colorado, where he went in 1863. He was subsequently selected to lead an exploring party into Idaho and Montana; and he was at East Bannack, Montana Territory, when the settlement of the district was beginning.

Deciding at once to locate in the new and undeveloped region, Mr. Webster identified himself with its interests. Eventually he established himself in business in the future city of Helena, where he erected the first frame house. He opened a store for general merchandise, and was until recent years one of the leading merchants of that and surrounding towns. Making judicious investments of his money, he has accumulated a large property, reaching close to the million mark, and holds a high position among the most substantial and highly esteemed men of Montana. On May 21, 1876, Mr. Webster married Miss Ella M. Adams, of Helena. He makes annual visits to his old home, coming here nearly every summer, and bringing cheer to his aged father before the latter died, for whom he entertained a loving and loyal affection.

ROSWELL HUNTOON, an enterprising farmer residing in Langdon, was born in the town of Unity, this county, October 14, 1820, son of Lemuel and Sybil (Palmer) Huntoon. Phillip Huntoon, born in Wiltshire, England, in 1664, was the immigrant ancestor of this family. The next in line was John. Then came Charles, who was born October 12, 1725, at Kingston, N.H., and died in Unity, May 27, 1819. He was a very prominent man in Unity, and he served in the General Court of the State. He bore arms in both the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War. His son, Charles Huntoon, Jr., was born in Unity, December 15, 1755, and died January 2, 1838. Charles married Maria Smith, of Kingston, N.H.; and their union was blessed by the birth of six children — Robert, Jacob, Pollie, Maria, Lemuel, and Erastus.

Lemuel Huntoon was born in Unity, November 29, 1793. About the year 1835 he came to Langdon, and lived here until his death, which occurred November 15, 1878, when nearly eighty-five years of age. He was a blacksmith by trade, and his years of active labor were spent at the forge. He was one of the first in this section to espouse the cause of temperance and join the temperance club. Sybil, his wife, was a daughter of Benjamin Palmer. She was born September 20, 1794, and died May 1, 1874, in her eightieth year. They had seven children, all born in Unity; namely, Sybil Palmer, Lemuel, Jr., Roswell, Joel, Candace A., Andrew J., and Jane.

Sybil, born February 15, 1817, first married Josiah Prouty, by whom she had one child. She is now the widow of Rufus Guild, and lives in Alstead. Lemuel, Jr., born July 23, 1818, died April 24, 1891, in Lawrence, Mass., where he was engaged in the jewelry business. He married Helen M. Cummings, and had two children. Joel, born October 14, 1823, who is a surveyor and civil engineer in Topeka, Kan., married Ellen Richardson, of Alstead, N.H., and had seven children. Candace A., born July 12, 1826, was the wife of Samuel K. Elwell, of Langdon, and had two children. Andrew J. and Jane, twins, were born February 29, 1832. She died December 17, 1848, in her seventeenth year. Andrew is a physician in Topeka, Kan., where he also conducts a large livery business. He married Lizzie P. Foster, of Walpole, N.H., and had four children.

Roswell Huntoon supplemented a common-school education by a few terms at Dr. Miner's Military Academy of Unity, teaching school during the winters. On completing his studies he learned the blacksmith trade. Subsequently he took up farming, which he has since followed. For eight years he lived in Charlestown, N.H.; but for over forty years Langdon has been his home.

Mr. Huntoon married Electa J. Elwell, who was born January 20, 1823, daughter of Samuel Elwell, of Langdon. They have had three children — Horace R., Marcella B., and Harley J. Horace R., born in Unity, September 14, 1843, who was a farmer and tanner, died November 1, 1865. Marcella B., born in Langdon, December 17, 1847, has been an invalid for the past twenty years. Harley J., born in Charlestown, July 7, 1856, is in the gunsmith business at Bellows Falls, Vt., and is a prominent musician there, playing in the band, and acting as prompter of an orchestra. He married Addie Parkinson, of Langdon, and has three children: Perley H., born in Bellows Falls, July 17, 1879; Edith E., born December 12, 1885; and Florence J., born May 6, 1889. In politics Mr. Huntoon is a Republican. He represented his town in the New Hampshire legislature in 1875 and 1876, and was a member of the Committee on Fisheries and Game. He is an attendant of the Universalist church; and, like his father, he has been an active temperance worker.

WILLIAM TASKER, one of the prominent residents of Contoocook, was born August 21, 1852, in Pittsfield, this county, son of William and Mary (Lougee) Tasker. The grandfather, Joseph Tasker, and his brothers, John and Paul, removing from Newington, near Portsmouth, were the first settlers of Barnstead. Paul Tasker died leaving no family. Joseph followed the trade of shoemaker. He married Sally True, of Pittsfield, at which place they both died, he about the year 1878, and she in 1884. His son, the Rev. Joseph O. Tasker, is a Congregational minister at Short Falls, Epsom township, this county. William Tasker, Sr., another son of Joseph, born in Barnstead, Belknap County, was also a shoemaker. He was a resident of Pittsfield, where he died in 1859, at the age of forty, leaving one son, the subject of this sketch.

William Tasker passed his boyhood in Pittsfield, receiving his education in the academy, and working in a store during his vacations, his father's home being in the village. He yet owns this place, where his mother still lives. Subsequently he worked in the gristmill of Weeks Brothers, until it was burned in 1880. He then came to Contoocook, and worked for a year and a half as miller in the

grist-mill of A. B. Wadsworth & Co., after which he returned to Pittsfield, and bought an ice business, and conducted it for five years. In 1883 he was chosen Selectman, and in the following year he was made Chairman of the Board. Among several matters of importance dealt with by the Board in the five years during which he was a member, the most noteworthy was, perhaps, the opening of a system of sewerage in Pittsfield. In 1887, July 1, he was appointed by the County Commissioners superintendent of the Merrimack County Farm at North Boscawen. At that time the farm, which contains four hundred and eighty-three acres of land, was also the location of the House of Correction. This institution had one hundred and seventy-five inmates, of whom over forty were insane, all being under the charge of the superintendent and his wife. He filled this office efficiently, making such improvements on the farm as to cause it to be regarded as a model for its kind until 1895, when a change in the administration of the county resulted in his removal. On April 1 of the same year he and Mr. Rand formed the firm of Rand & Tasker, which has since been in business in Contoocook. Keeping a stock valued at fourteen thousand dollars, they have a very satisfactory trade.

On November 30, 1882, Mr. Tasker married Bertha L. Osgood, daughter of Abram B. and Lucy (Sargent) Osgood, who was born at Loudon, N.H. Mrs. Tasker was in charge of the house while on the County Farm, and to her efficient management is largely due the success of Mr. Tasker's administration of that institution. She had been to some extent fitted for her arduous task, as from the age of sixteen, when her mother died, until her marriage, she was her father's housekeeper. Mr. and Mrs. Tasker have three children, namely: Ethel Frances, born May 15, 1884; William Martin, born September 12, 1887; and Lucy Bertha, born August 1, 1892. Mrs. Tasker is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of Pittsfield. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tasker are members of Contoocook Grange, P. of H.

HON. ISAAC DARWIN MERRILL, a well-known public man of Contoocook, is a son of Isaac and Mary (Wyman) Merrill, born October 1, 1814, in Hopkinton village, N.H. The father, a native of Hollis, Hillsborough County, born June 15, 1784, was a cooper by trade, and worked in Boston, Portland, and Troy, N.Y. When Isaac D. was about a year old, the family moved from Hopkinton to Hillsborough Bridge, where his father was employed at his trade. Later, more than sixty years ago, he settled in Contoocook, built the house where the subject of this sketch now resides, worked at his trade for some time longer, and died there, September 8, 1883, aged ninety-nine years, two months, and twenty-four days. He is well remembered in the community, among whom he is still spoken of as "Boss Merrill." He was a man of strong frame and good health, industrious and apt to outdo his coworkers. Shortly before his death he became blind; and his last years were spent quietly at the homestead with his son, Isaac Darwin Merrill. He had three wives, whom he outlived. His first marriage was made with Mary Wyman, of Deering, who died May 31, 1843. She had eight children, six of whom, three sons and three daughters, reached maturity. The eldest, Clarinda, married Joseph L. Upton, of Contoocook, where she died after passing her eightieth year. Her husband, who was a wheelwright, built their house in Contoocook. The second child, the subject of this sketch, is the only one of this

family now living. The rest of the six referred to were: Milton Wyman, who did not marry, resided with his father, and died in 1856, at the age of forty years; James Madison, who was also a bachelor, and lived chiefly in New York and Boston; Emily, who married Alonzo Currier, of Contoocook, and died in February, 1896; and Annette, who married Levi F. Mason, of Marlboro, N.H., and died in 1892.

When ten years old, Isaac Darwin Merrill went to live with an uncle, John Smith, on a farm at Newport. Here he remained until he was fourteen, doing much hard work, and often walking back the twenty-five miles from Hillsborough after visiting his family. After leaving Newport, he worked on a farm in Hillsborough, attending school in the winter and boarding at home. Having learned the cooper's trade, he worked at it somewhat with his father and others in Contoocook. When about eighteen years of age his father placed him with a store-keeper, who was also, at that time, the postmaster of East Weare. At the age of twenty-one years or thereabout he went to Boston, and afterward worked as a hotel clerk there and in Malden for about five years. In 1842, having saved about eight hundred dollars, he returned to Contoocook, and in company with his brother, Milton W., started a store, to which he devoted his attention for several years, although it did not prove a very profitable venture. From 1853 to 1861 he served for much of the time as Postmaster, and in 1843 he was made Justice of the Peace. In the latter capacity he has served continuously for over half a century, doing the greater part of the conveyancing of Contoocook, officiating at many marriages, and settling many estates. Although not a member of the bar, he has an extensive knowledge of law, and receives the full confidence of those whose business he has conducted. As its Treasurer he handled the funds of the town for more than thirty years. In 1854 and again in 1856 he served in the State legislature, securing the incorporation of the local academy, which has been of much benefit to the village. His money is largely invested in his own town, where he owns much real estate. He has never married. Now, at the age of eighty-two years, Mr. Isaac Darwin Merrill, is a whole-souled, genial man, attending personally to his numerous affairs, in connection with which he visits, with something of his old energy, the business centres to which those duties draw him. Even at his advanced age he is still keen, shrewd, and active.

RUEL WHITCOMB, a resident of New London, Merrimack County, for nearly fifty years, was born December 20, 1822, in Newport, N.H., which was also the birthplace of his parents, Parmenas and Rua (Hurd) Whitcomb. His mother was a daughter of Samuel Hurd, a pioneer settler of Newport. His father's father, Benjamin Whitcomb, removed from Henniker, this county, to Newport at an early period of its settlement.

Parmenas Whitcomb was a farmer and lumberman, and helped build a saw-mill in his native town, living in Newport until his death, at the age of eighty-five years. His first wife died at the age of sixty-seven years, leaving four children, namely: Ruel; Sarah Ann, who was the wife of the late James Emerson; Lydia, who married Willard Morse, of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Parmenas, of Hanover, N.H., a printer at Dartmouth College. The father subsequently married Mrs. Orpha Metcalf, who died a few years later, leaving no children.

Ruel Whitcomb remained with his parents until seventeen years old, when he went to Croydon to learn the blacksmith's trade. He served an apprenticeship of three years with Dennison Humphrey, his father taking his wages. Having mastered the trade, he followed it for two years as a journeyman, and then entered a scythe shop in Newport, working there for Larned & Sibley two years. In 1849 Mr. Whitcomb came to New London, obtaining a situation in the scythe factory at Scytheville. The plant had then been established but a few years, and was controlled by Phillips, Messer & Colby. He took a position as temperer, and remained there in that capacity forty years, during which period the business increased so that the force of men employed was enlarged from twenty-four to fifty. In the meantime there were various changes in the firm; and at the disbandment of the organization in 1889, all of the original members of the company having died, his employers were N. T. Greenwood & Sons. The village, which was once quite thriving, is now almost deserted; and the post-office, in which he served during President Cleveland's first administration as Postmaster, had its name changed in January, 1896, to Elkins. Mr. Whitcomb has always been a stanch Democrat, much interested in his party; and he has attended the various local conventions since a young man.

Mr. Whitcomb was married October 31, 1841, to Miss Samantha R. Crosby, of Croydon. She died some eighteen years later, leaving one son, Edwin Ruel, of Elkins. He married Nellie Dill, of Gardiner, Me.; and they have one child, Brainard Edwin Whitcomb. On January 7, 1869, Mr. Whitcomb was married to Miss Lucy A. Woodbury, daughter of Judge John and Nancy (Wells) Woodbury, of Wilmot Flat. Judge Woodbury was a carpenter by occupation, and was one of the leading Democrats of his town. He served in the State legislature four years. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb have one child, a daughter — Bernette S., who is an accomplished musician, having taken a thorough course of study in music, which she now teaches with much success. Mr. Whitcomb and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Wilmot.

CHARLES O. EASTMAN, formerly the Postmaster of Claremont, was born October 25, 1824, in Lisbon, N.H., one of the seven children of Nicholas and Hannah (Baker) Eastman. Until he reached the age of twenty-one years he remained with his parents, receiving his education in the district schools and the Methodist Seminary at Newbury, from which he duly graduated. After leaving the seminary, he taught school for several winters. In 1845 he left home to go to Windsor, Vt., where he remained for five years. Coming to Claremont in 1850, he was first employed in the bookbindery of the Claremont Manufacturing Company. While in their employ he was attacked by a serious illness, from which he never fully recovered during the ensuing thirty-five years of his life. This long period was one of patient suffering and of noble struggle with disease. He was a member of the Republican party. In 1861 President Lincoln appointed him Postmaster of Claremont. Having entered upon the duties of the office on June 17 of the same year, he continued to serve until July 11, 1870, a term of service distinguished by marked ability and faithfulness. He is spoken of as having been most accommodating and exceptionally fitted for the office. Beginning in 1872, he by care-

ful and honorable methods built up the large and profitable business of the Eastman Insurance Agency, which is so widely known. While his integrity was above suspicion, his agreeable manners made many friends for him. Then his judgment was greatly trusted by the companies he represented, and he became one of the most prominent and successful insurance agents of Western New Hampshire. He was a director of no less than four insurance companies of the State, and he was regarded as a safe and wise counsellor.

To quote the words of one who knew him well, Mr. Eastman was "a pronounced and consistent Methodist. Quiet in his demonstrations, the spiritual and temporal welfare of his church held a sacred place in the deeper recesses of his heart." In his seventeenth year he had joined the Free Baptist church at Lisbon; but, on locating at Claremont, he united with the Methodist church there. He was for thirty-six years the secretary of the Methodist Society, and for twenty-one years its treasurer. Also, for a time he was the Secretary of Claremont Junction Camp Meeting Association. His accounts bespoke faithfulness and accuracy. From the year 1864 he was a prominent member of the Masonic order. October 4, 1893, succumbing at length to the disease which had so long made his life one of patient suffering, he died of cancer at his home in Claremont. He left to the town a perpetual fund, amounting to three hundred dollars, one-half of the annual interest to be used in the purchase of books for the town library, and the balance for the purpose of caring for the family monument and lot. He also willed the same amount to Lisbon, N.H., his native town, to be used in the keeping of his father's monument and lot in good condition, and for the purchase of books for the town library.

On February 25, 1849, Mr. Eastman married Eleanor Jane Carroll, daughter of John Prince and Rachel (Powers) Carroll, then living at Cornish, N.H. Her father was a grandson of the niece of Aquilla Chase. Aquilla Chase, who was noted for his wealth in England, fled to this country to escape persecution. Mrs. Eastman's maternal grandfather was Ezekiel Powers, of Croydon, N.H.; and her great-grandfather, also named Ezekiel, was one of the original settlers of Croydon. Her parents had eight other children; namely, Susan, Saphronia, Eliza, Salena, Alonzo, Amanda, Lysander, and Rachel. Susan married J. Wakefield; Saphronia married George Stockwell, of Croydon; Eliza married Moody Hook, of Cornish; and Salena married Carnovas Gage, of Enfield. Alonzo, who was well known throughout the State, spent an active life. In 1868 he entered into business at Warner, taking his son Edward into a partnership that continued for twenty years. Then the business was sold, and he afterward had charge of the Winslow House on Mount Kearsarge and of the Kearsarge House at Warner. An outspoken Republican, he never sought political honors; and he was much interested in the welfare of his town. His reputation was that of a man of high integrity and generous impulses. He died April 21, 1894, leaving a widow and two sons. The former before marriage was a Miss Margaret Adams of Warner. The sons are: Edward H. Carroll and Professor Clarence F. Carroll. Professor Carroll, who is a graduate of Yale College, and was formerly a teacher of the Normal School at New Britain, Conn., is now the Superintendent of Schools at Worcester, Mass. Alonzo Carroll's first marriage was contracted with Mercy Hale. Amanda married John G. Brockway, whose son, Dr. Fred Brockway, is Professor of Anatomy in the Col-

lege of Physicians and Surgeons in New York and a writer of some distinction on anatomy. He was the first House Surgeon of the Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore, Md., having been selected for that position on account of his ability and scholarship. He is thoroughly versed in his profession. To increase his knowledge of medicine he travelled abroad and studied with an eminent physician in Scotland. Colonel Lysander Carroll, of Concord, N.H., is a strong and influential Republican and well known in politics. He held the position of Postmaster of Concord for a number of years. Rachel, the youngest child, died young.

JOHN H. HUNT, a prominent farmer and a well-known veteran of Hill, was born in Dorchester, N.H., January 8, 1826, son of Jonathan and Eliza (Holmes) Hunt. His grandfather, who was born in Lexington, Mass., kept a tavern at the time Washington took command of the Continental army. Jonathan Hunt was a carriage-builder, and also kept a lumber wharf at East Cambridge, Mass., until the Lowell railroad was built. He died at Hopkinton, N.H., at the age of eighty-four years. He first married Hannah Larkin, of Lexington, Mass. His second wife, in maidenhood Eliza B. Holmes, was the mother of John H. Hunt, who is the only child.

As his father was living in East Cambridge during his son's boyhood, John Hunt obtained his education in the schools of that town. After leaving school he went to sea, and when only twenty-three years old he was master of a vessel. Subsequently for five years he traded on the east and west coasts of Africa. During Mr. Hunt's sea life he had some thrilling experiences. While sailing in the ship "United States," Captain Calvin G. Worth, the ship was wrecked, and the crew were without food and water for two days and two nights. Finally they succeeded in making a landing on Tongataboo, one of the Friendly Islands, where they remained three months. They then went to Eoa, another island of the same group, and were at length taken off by a vessel and landed on Van Diemen's Land, where for four months Mr. Hunt did not see a white man. On another occasion Mr. Hunt incurred the displeasure of the British government by assisting the political exile, William Smith O'Brien, in an attempt to escape from New Zealand. Nine years elapsed from the time at which he embarked from Boston before he set foot in that city again. During that period he was sailing vessels on the Pacific, going as far north as the Sea of Okhotsk and as far south as New Zealand.

At length, abandoning the sea, Mr. Hunt became proprietor of a store in Cambridge, Mass., which he kept for two years. He then sold out; and in 1858 he bought of Senator Austin F. Pike a farm in Franklin, N.H., near Shaw's Corner. When the Civil War broke out, in 1861, Mr. Hunt enlisted as a private in Company A, Captain Sturtevant, of the Fifth New Hampshire Regiment. After being discharged from Davis Island Hospital on November 23, 1862, he returned home and stayed until 1863, when he joined the invalid corps. A member of Company E, Thirteenth Regiment, he was assigned for a time to the Beach Street barracks in Boston, and also served in the Provost Marshal's office at Concord, Mass., receiving his final discharge in August, 1865. In 1863, while on a furlough, Mr. Hunt sold his farm in Franklin and bought the Jonathan Dickerson place in the town of Hill, near the Danbury line. Having repaired the buildings on the property, he has since made it his home.

Mr. Hunt has been twice married. His first wife, Harriet N. Hood Hunt, was the mother of two children — Elizabeth C. and Mary P. Elizabeth married Frank P. Hill, of Portsmouth; and Mary is the wife of George L. Batchelder and the mother of two children — Willie and Ora Bell. The present Mrs. Hunt was Miss Caroline T. Swett, of Hill, daughter of John and Sally (Sargent) Swett. In politics Mr. Hunt is an Independent. He is a member of the Nelson Post, No. 40, G. A. R., of Bristol; and he has been Selectman of the town for two years. His first Presidential vote was cast in 1856 for James Buchanan.

GEORGE S. BOND, a manufacturer of Charlestown, was born in that town, March 2, 1837, son of Silas and Alice (Abbot) Bond. His grandfather, William Bond, who was born in Watertown, Mass., at the age of twenty years came to Charlestown, and thereafter carried on general farming during the remainder of his active life. One of his six children was Silas Bond, who married Alice Abbot, and also was the father of six children, including the subject of this sketch.

George S. Bond was educated in the district schools of the town. At the age of seven years his father died. When about nine years old he went to Fall River, where he worked for two years. After his return to Charlestown he worked on various farms in Charlestown and Acworth for about five years. He subsequently went to Brockton, Mass., learned the shoe finishing business, and remained there until he was eighteen years of age. He then went to Syracuse, N. Y., where he worked at his trade for two years. In 1856 he returned to Charlestown and took up the tinsmith trade. He then went to Putney, Vt., where he worked for four years. In 1865 he bought out the tin store of W. B. Downer, and afterward carried it on for fifteen years. On retiring from that business, he bought out the violin case manufactory that had been established in Charlestown. There was but little work done here at first, and he employed but one man. Subsequently he had to enlarge the place, and in 1893 he had forty hands in his employment and was using a fifty horse-power engine. In that year the factory was burned. Eleven weeks later his substantial new factory was ready for business. He has now a sixty horse-power engine, and he employs from twenty-five to thirty-five hands. The factory is said to be the best equipped establishment of its kind in the world, having a capacity of twenty-four dozen violin cases per day. Mr. Bond has dealings with some of the largest firms in this country. He is also interested in the Charlestown National Bank, of which he is the President. The community has had the advantage of his services on the School Board for several years. He went as delegate to Concord in the Constitutional Convention in 1889. A prominent Mason of Faithful Lodge, No. 12, he was its Master for a period of eight years. In 1860 he married Mary M. Way; and they have one son, Herbert. That he is now one of the solid men of Charlestown is almost entirely the result of his perseverance and industry.

JACOB N. FLANDERS, an influential citizen of West Concord, N. H., was born on the estate which is now his home, March 25, 1825, son of Jacob and Huldah (Abbott) Flanders. His great-grandfather, Richard Flanders, was a large landed proprietor of Millville and owner of all the

water-power in that vicinity. He came to Concord in the latter part of his life, and divided his land among his sons. His wife was a Fowler. Richard's son, Richard, Jr., was a mill hand and a farmer, and helped in clearing the land now owned by his grandson. The first crops had to be stacked in the open air without shelter; but later on he built a barn, and his sons afterward added to it. He lived to be ninety years old. His brother was one of the patriot soldiers who fought for freedom in the Revolutionary War. Richard Flanders, Jr., married Mary Chandler West, and they had ten children.

Their son, Jacob, father of Jacob N., was educated in the old district school located near the pond; and after he left school he began farming. His life of fifty-one years was spent at the family homestead. He was a fife major in the old State militia. He was musical, had a fine strong voice, and taught singing-school here for several years. His wife, Huldah, was a daughter of Samuel and Mary Story Abbott, of Hopkinton, N.H. She became the mother of five children; namely, Richard M., Lucy Ann, Jacob N., Samuel A., and William H.

Jacob N. is the only one of these children now living. He passed his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, and, like many another who has made his mark in the world, was educated in the district schools. Mr. Flanders has a farm of one hundred and forty-five acres, and does a prosperous business in agricultural lines. He married Almira B., daughter of Jonathan C. and Mary (Dimond) Runnels. A daughter Mary, one of the two children born to them, died in infancy. The surviving child is a daughter named Lucie Ann.

Mr. Flanders has given much time to the study of public questions and to the affairs of his town. He is well informed on all matters of general interest, and his native qualifications for public service were early recognized. He has been chosen to serve as Selectman for two years, as Assessor for three years, and as a member of the Common Council for two years. He has been a Highway Surveyor for five years, and Clerk of the School District for thirty-five years. Here he has made a record not only for long and faithful service, but for great efficiency. Mr. Flanders is a member of the North Congregational Church of Concord. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, his first vote for President having been cast for Zachary Taylor, the Whig candidate, in 1848.

HON. GARDNER BATCHELDER EMMONS, a successful business man of Concord, N.H., who is now serving his first term as a State Senator, was born in Bristol, Grafton County, this State, February 18, 1847, son of Horace M. and Maria (Batchelder) Emmons. The paternal ancestors have been identified with the history of Bristol, N.H., for at least one hundred and fifty years; while the Batchelders have been inhabitants of Reading, Mass., about two hundred and fifty years.

Gardner B. Emmons attended the public schools of Bristol in his boyhood, and completed his course of study in New Hampton Institute at the age of eighteen years. For the first two years of his active career he was employed in a provision store in Bristol, coming thereafter to Concord. He subsequently established himself in business in Tilton, N.H. Returning to Concord in 1871, he has since been engaged in the meat provision business in this city. He is half-owner in the Concord Coal Company, a Director in the Concord Street Railway Company, a Trustee

in the Union Guaranty Savings Bank, and a Director and leading spirit in the Concord Cattle Company, the headquarters of which are at Miles City, Custer County, Mont.

In politics Mr. Emmons is a stanch Republican. He has served four years on the Board of Aldermen, and in 1889 he was a member of the House of Representatives in the legislature. In the fall of 1896 he was nominated by acclamation for State Senator, and was elected by a larger majority than had been received by any of his predecessors. Mr. Emmons is a voter in Ward Six, which has not been represented in the Senate for many years.

On November 25, 1869, Mr. Emmons was married to Sarah Jane Flanders, of Concord. By this union there have been four children, three of whom are living: Harry G., a dry-goods merchant in this city; Oscar F., who is also in Concord; and Hattie S. For a quarter of a century Mr. Emmons has been a member of the First Baptist Society, and for seven years he has served as a Trustee and the Treasurer. He has been connected with the White Mountain Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is a member of the Wonalancet Club, the leading social organization of Concord.

J. ALBERT PEASLEE, an important factor of the agricultural and business community of Bradford, Merrimack County, was born in this town, on the farm that he still owns, December 14, 1845. His father, John Peaslee, a son of Samuel Peaslee, was a lifelong resident of Bradford. He was the Representative of an early settled family in New Hampshire, and one whose descendants are numerous in Hillsborough County, where, in the town of Pelham, they have an annual gathering.

John Peaslee settled on the homestead farm now owned by his son, J. Albert, soon after attaining his majority, purchasing at first but ten acres. As time went on he bought other land, made valuable improvements; and at his death, which occurred in March, 1884, at the venerable age of fourscore and four years, he had one of the most valuable and attractive estates in the vicinity. He was twice married. His first wife was Chloe Maxfield, daughter of Richard Maxfield, who once owned the village of Bradford, then called Fishersfield. She died leaving two sons — Oliver, now of Bradford; and William, of Amherst, N.H. — and four daughters, namely: Margaret, wife of Stillman Parkhurst, of Bedford, N.H.; Minda, wife of B. B. Whiting, of Amherst; Hannah, wife of Timothy Morse, of Newbury, this county; and Sally, who died unmarried. He subsequently married Mrs. Betsey Presby Marshall, daughter of James Presby and granddaughter of Captain William Presby, the first settler in Bradford. Her first husband, Silas Marshall, left her a widow with several children, as follows: William P., of Boston; Ezekiel H., also of Boston; Kendall W., a former resident of Bradford, who died in 1892; Clara M. (deceased), who married B. W. Fairbanks, of Manchester; and Elizabeth M. (deceased), who was the wife of the late David Shattuck, of Cambridgeport, Mass. Of John Peaslee's second union there was but one child, J. Albert, the special subject of this sketch. Mrs. Betsey P. M. Peaslee survived her husband but a short time, dying on the home farm in June, 1885, aged eighty-three years.

J. Albert Peaslee was reared on his father's farm, which he began managing when but twenty-one years old. Some years later his parents, who continued to live with him, gave him a deed of the estate. In his early mature life he spent one year in Boston; but he after-

ward carried on the old home until 1878, when he took charge of the county farm at North Boscawen, just after the old buildings had been destroyed by fire. He superintended the erection of new buildings, and remained there four years. He was then elected a County Commissioner. The superintendent who succeeded him at the county farm not proving satisfactory, he was asked by the Board, of which he was a member, to again take the position. He accordingly returned to North Boscawen, and stayed there until his term of office as Commissioner had expired. In 1885 he went back to the ancestral homestead, where he was actively engaged in general farming, dairying, and stock-raising, until about three years since, when he removed to the village, although he has the oversight of his farm still. He cuts one hundred tons of hay each year, and keeps from forty to fifty cows, raising his own stock from thoroughbred Holsteins, which he was the first to introduce into the town. This farm is particularly well adapted to cultivation, being well watered and remarkably free from rocks, his father having been obliged to haul the stones used in building twenty-five hundred rods of wall the distance of a mile.

The Bradford and Newbury Fair Association has held its annual fairs on his farm since 1875, fifty acres lying in a valley, about one and one-half miles west of the village, being appropriated to its use. These grounds, of which Mr. Peaslee is the superintendent and treasurer, are well improved, having fine stables, water-works, a three-story grand stand, and a half-mile regulation track, the whole being one of the best and most complete fair grounds in the State. Colonel Tappan, President of the Association the first twelve years, was one of the prime movers in securing this advantageous location, working for it in company with Alburton Peaslee, Albert D. Eaton, and John Farmer. Hiram Cheney, its second President, held the office six years, and was then succeeded by Jonathan Rowe, of Newbury, who is now holding the office. The first twenty years this was a free fair; but of late years all excepting exhibitors have been charged an admission fee, and no premiums have been given, though a few awards are made each year. These fairs, usually held the last of September, draw people from miles around, being the event of the season, the visitors numbering from three thousand to seven thousand. There is always a fine exhibition of fancy stock, and in 1896 sixty-three trotters were entered.

Mr. Peaslee has served as Selectman several terms, having been Chairman of the Board part of the time. He has also been a member of the School Board, and has held every other township office, including that of Moderator, in which position he has served some twelve years. In 1885 he represented the town in the legislature, serving on the Committee on Roads and Bridges, and on Appropriations. He is the Bradford representative of the Merrimack County Fire Insurance Company, and for twenty-five years has been Justice of the Peace. He is an active politician, supporting the principles of the Democratic party, attending all campaign meetings, where he not infrequently makes neat little speeches. He was made a Mason in St. Peter's Lodge, F. & A. M., thirteen years ago, and has for some time been its Secretary. He is a fine musician, has been a member of the church choir since a boy, and is often asked to sing at funerals.

On November 22, 1871, Mr. Peaslee married Maria R. Smith, who was born in New London, N.H., November 24, 1841. Her father, Ira Smith, was born in New London,

January 16, 1799; and he there married June 27, 1822, Amanda Dow, who was born in New London, September 21, 1799. In 1862 Mr. and Mrs. Smith settled in the village of Bradford, where his death occurred a few years later, August 1, 1867, and hers, August 2, 1883. Of their four children Mrs. Peaslee is the only survivor. Her brother James F., a boot and shoe dealer, died in Woonsocket, R.I., at the age of fifty-two years; her sister, Mary E., died at the age of thirty, unmarried; and her brother Nahum W., who was principal of the high school in Woonsocket, R.I., died there when but twenty-four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Peaslee have had one daughter, Lura M. Peaslee. She was born March 12, 1874, and died February 10, 1897, at the age of nearly twenty-three years. She was a young lady of an unusually gentle and lovely character, and the high esteem and love in which she was held were testified to by the large number of her acquaintances, both old and young, who paid their last respects by attendance at her funeral, and by the kindly visits of sympathizing friends at the home.

AMOS RICHARDSON, an influential resident of Cornish, was born here, November 27, 1817, son of Amos and Sophia (Cummings) Richardson. He is a descendant of Dr. Amos Richardson, who was a physician of note in Pelham, N.H. Dr. Amos's son, Joseph, was grandfather of the subject of this sketch. Joseph's children were: Miriam, Joseph, David, Josiah, Sarah, Mercy, Rebecca, and Amos. Miriam, now deceased, was the wife of Joshua Wyman, of Pelham, and the mother of seven children; Joseph married Polly Hilliard, of Cornish, and had a family of twelve children; David, now deceased, married Sarah Ford, and was the father of seven children; Josiah, who was unmarried, is deceased; Sarah married John Huggins, and is now deceased; Mercy, who married Aaron Hibbard, had no children, and is now deceased; Rebecca, who never married, lived to be eighty-two years of age.

Amos Richardson, Sr., a native of Pelham, born in November, 1785, moved to Cornish with his parents when only four years of age. After finishing his education, which was obtained in the town schools, he went to Massachusetts; but after a while, at the urgent request of his parents, he came back to carry on the farm, the present homestead of his son. He was very prominent in the town, and was much interested in town affairs. He was Tax Collector for a number of years, also Selectman; and he was a candidate for the legislature. In politics he was a Federalist. Of a religious disposition, he was Deacon of the Baptist church for many years. He married Sophia Cummings, who bore him eight children — Sarah, Amos, Louisa, William, George, Cummings, Cordelia, and Charlotte. Sarah is the wife of the Rev. Jonathan Herrick, of Troy, N.H. Louisa is deceased. William served in the Civil War, and, while on his way home, died of sickness in New York City. George, Cordelia, and Cummings are also deceased. Cummings was in California when he died.

After receiving his early education in the schools of the town and in Kimball Academy, Amos Richardson, the subject of this sketch, studied in the medical department of Dartmouth College for about two years. Later he abandoned the study of medicine and began teaching. Afterward he went to Florida, and entered a mercantile business, remaining there for a number of years. From Florida he returned to the homestead on learning that his parents' health was failing, and he has resided

there since. Mr. Richardson at once took a prominent place among the citizens of his native town, and is still to be found at the front in all movements for progress or reform. He has been Town Treasurer of Cornish. His unquestionable integrity and many amiable qualities have gained for him not only a large circle of personal friends, but the confidence of the business community. He attends the Baptist church, and is an active Free Mason, an Odd Fellow, and a member of the grange.

Mr. Richardson has been twice married. His first wife, Salome Richardson, bore him two children — Sidney K. and Frank. The present Mrs. Richardson was before her marriage Sarah J. Hilliard. She is the mother of three children — Fred H., Flora, and Nellie. Sidney Richardson, born June 29, 1846, was educated in the town schools and at Kimball Academy. After leaving school he learned the machinist's trade at Lebanon, N.H., and worked at that until his health gave out. He then had charge of the toll bridge at Windsor, Vt., for four years. After that he bought the farm where he is now living. He was in the late war for two years; and, like so many of the brave men who risked their lives in defence of the Union, he came back with shattered health. For the past nine years he has been Tax Collector. He is a member of the Grand Army and the grange, and has held offices in these orders. He married Ella Sturtevant, and has two children — Henry and Charles. Henry, born September 19, 1873, at Brandon, Vt., was educated at Kimball Academy and in Dartmouth College. He is now a teacher of the high school at Walpole, N.H., and a very popular young man in that town. Charles, born May 9, 1886, is still in school. Frank, the second son of Mr. Amos Richardson, was in California for a number of years, and is now with his father carrying on the extensive farm. Fred H., another son, born October 1, 1859, married Gertrude Haven, and is one of the officials of the State Prison at Windsor, Vt. Flora, born in 1861, died in 1886. Nellie is the wife of Elmer E. York, a successful school teacher of Cornish.

JAMES E. BARNARD is a lawyer of prominence at Franklin, N.H., his native place. He was born on January 29, 1863, son of the Hon. Daniel and Amelia (Morse) Barnard.

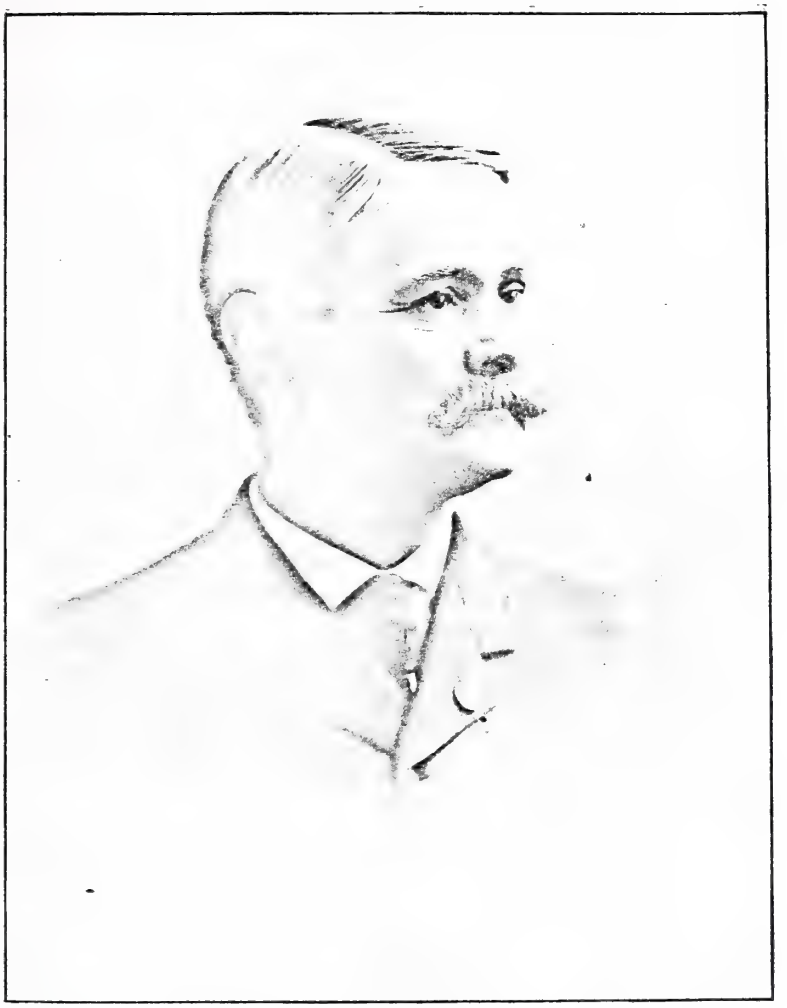
His father, Daniel Barnard, was born January 23, 1827, in Orange, N.H. Naturally of a studious turn of mind, as a youth he attended the academy in winter, and worked on his father's farm in the summer months. He subsequently taught school in different counties of New Hampshire. In 1851 he began to read law with the Hon. George W. Nesmith, and in 1854 he became junior partner in a law firm with the Hon. Austin F. Pike. Mr. Nesmith retired from active business in 1863; and Mr. Barnard withdrew from the connection he had formed, and started out for himself at Franklin, where he had a large practice for over thirty years. In 1860–62 he was State Representative, in 1865–66 President of the State Senate, 1870–71 member of the Governor's Council, in 1872 he was a member of the Republican Committee that met in convention at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1867 he was County Solicitor, and in 1872 he was re-elected to that position. He was a Trustee of the Franklin Savings Bank, and was a Director and also Vice-President of the Franklin National Bank of Franklin Falls. He was appointed Attorney General in 1887, and held the office until his death. His reputation as a lawyer was very high, and he was identified with all the leading enterprises in Franklin. He and

his wife were the parents of seven children: William M.; Emma S.; Mary A.; James E., the subject of this article; Daniel, Jr., who died in infancy; Charles Daniel; and Frank E. The first-born, William M., was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1876, and was for many years in partnership with his father in a law office. He died in 1886, aged thirty years. Emma S. became the wife of Captain Samuel Pray, of Newtonville, Mass., formerly commander of a vessel and now a commission merchant. Mary A. married Fred H. Daniell, superintendent of the Sulloway Hosiery Mills in Franklin. Charles D. married Jennie Anderson, and is a real estate dealer in Chicago, Ill. Frank E. is a lawyer in Boston, Mass., and has an office in the Globe Building. The Hon. Daniel Barnard died January 10, 1892; and his widow, Mrs. Amelia M. Barnard, survives him, making her home among her children.

James E. Barnard was fitted for college at the Franklin High School, and took a two years' course at Dartmouth, receiving his degree in 1886. He then went on a sea voyage to Australia, China, and the East, being away for two years. This greatly improved his health; and on his return he engaged in the Franklin National Bank as General Assistant, where he remained about two years. For one year after that he was in the National Bank of the Republic in Boston; but at the time of his brother's death he returned home, and commenced to read law with his father. Later on he attended Boston University Law School. He was graduated in 1890, admitted to the bar in July, 1890, and began practice with his father. He continued thus until his father's death, and since that time he has carried on the business by himself. He is agent for several fire and life insurance companies. Mr. Barnard is connected with the Episcopal church, and is a member of the following Masonic societies: Meridian Lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M., and St. Omer Chapter, No. 22, R. A. M., in Franklin; Mount Horeb Commandery, K. T., at Concord, N.H.; also Edward A. Raymond Consistory at Nashua, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 21, of Franklin. He is clerk of the Franklin Library Association and of the Odell Band, is President of the Franklin Republican Club, Justice of the Peace, and Notary Public. In March, 1893, he was appointed Justice of the Police Court of Franklin, which position he still holds.

Mr. Barnard was married June 18, 1891, to Maude Redwood, of Fort Wayne, Ind. She is the daughter of Frederick Redwood, a former mill superintendent at Andover, Mass., and was born July 14, 1864. Mr. Barnard is one of the leading young men of Franklin, and promises, like his father, to make his mark in the world.

MAJOR HIRAM FIFIELD GERRISH, of Concord, N.H., the present Deputy State Treasurer, was born in Boscawen, N.H., September 27, 1839. His parents, Calvin and Ann S. (Fifield) Gerrish, were both lifelong residents of Merrimack County. Major Gerrish is a descendant of Colonel Henry Gerrish, one of the early residents of Boscawen, who was an officer during the war of the Revolution, serving as Lieutenant-Colonel in Colonel Stickny's regiment, and was present at the battles of Bennington and Saratoga. Colonel Gerrish was one of the leading citizens of his town and State, holding many positions of trust and responsibility, being conspicuously identified with public affairs in the early history of



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the State. His son Jacob was for many years a well-known, public-spirited citizen of the town and a large land-owner. Calvin Gerrish, the father of Major Gerrish, was a farmer and mechanic, and was at one time prominently connected with the State militia. He died January 31, 1890.

Major Gerrish attended the public schools at Franklin, Penacook, and Concord, but at the age of fifteen entered the employ of the Concord Railroad, continuing thus engaged until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted as a private in Company B of the Second New Hampshire Regiment, then commanded by General Gilman Marston, and was mustered into service in June, 1861. November 3, 1861, he was relieved from duty with his regiment, and placed on detached service at the headquarters of General Joseph Hooker, Commander of the Second Division, Third Corps, where he remained until after the battle of Gettysburg, when he was ordered to Point Lookout, Maryland. The May following he was appointed a Lieutenant, and assigned to duty on the staff of General E. A. Hincks, going from Point Lookout to City Point, Va. In June of the same year he was appointed Assistant Chief Quartermaster and Aide on the staff of Major-general W. H. Smith, then commanding the Eighteenth Army Corps, Army of the James. Upon the reorganization of that army he was appointed to the same position on the staff of the Twenty-fourth Corps, with the rank of Captain. The corps was commanded in turn by Major-generals E. O. C. Ord, John Gibbons, and Godfrey Weitzel, all of whom are now dead. Major Gerrish remained on this staff until after Lee's surrender at Appomattox, when he brought the flags of the surrendered army to Richmond, Va. He was brevetted Major, and was soon after promoted to the full rank of Major, and assigned to duty on the staff of Major-general Charles Devens, then in command of the Department of North-eastern Virginia, and was stationed at Fredericksburg, Va. In August, 1865, he was mustered out of the army. During his term of service he was at the battle of the first Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Malvern Hill, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Fort Harrison, Petersburg, and at Appomattox, and was in many other minor engagements. With one exception his promotions came from recommendations made by Major-generals of the regular army with whom he served. After the surrender at Appomattox he was placed in charge of the railroad from that place to Farmville, and kept busy bringing the sick and wounded to the latter place and carrying supplies to the front.

In 1866 Major Gerrish returned to New Hampshire, and was employed here and in Massachusetts in railroad offices, going thereafter to Texas. In 1880 he entered the employ of the John A. White Machine Company of Concord, remaining ten years. In June, 1891, he was appointed Deputy State Treasurer, which position he still holds. In politics he is a Republican. On August 26, 1865, at Concord, he was married to Edith A. Eaton, of Concord. They have had four children, only one of whom is living, Blanche May Gerrish.

HENRY GUY CARLETON, of Newport, N.H., President of the Newport Savings Bank, a position which he has held more than twenty years, is a printer by trade, and was for a period of about forty years one of the editors and publishers of the *New Hampshire Argus and Spectator* at Newport, N.H., the firm name being Carleton & Harvey. He has held the office of Register of Deeds and of Probate for the County of

Sullivan, and has been a member of the legislature. He was elected a Director of the First National Bank of Newport at its first annual meeting after its organization in January, 1854, and has been annually re-elected since that year, a period of more than forty-six years. We are indebted to this gentleman, an active-minded octogenarian with a wealth of memories, having been born in 1813, who takes an intelligent interest in genealogical matters, for the following carefully prepared sketch of the Carleton family, the facts, he says, being mostly derived from Hiram Carleton, formerly of Montpelier, Vt., a graduate of the U. Vt., lawyer, State's attorney, Judge of Probate, and President of Vermont Historical Society; and Mrs. Augusta H. Worthin, of Lynn, Mass., a devoted searcher of family history. The name of Carleton is a variation of "de Corlarton." This would seem to indicate a French origin about four hundred and fifty years ago. The emigrant ancestor and first of the name in New England was Edward Carleton, born in England in 1600. He was of the company of the Rev. Ezekiel Rogers, and settled in Rowley, Mass., in 1639, was made freeman in 1643, was member of the General Court several years, and returned to England before 1656. On the pages of history appear the names of Dudley Carleton, the English Ambassador to Germany, who was created Viscount Dorchester, and of Sir Guy Carleton, Governor of Canada, who was in command of the British forces when Generals Arnold and Montgomery made their attack upon Quebec, where the brave Montgomery fell, the American army then being driven out of Canada. After the defeat of the British army at Yorktown, Va., in 1781, the last battle of the Revolution, he was appointed Commander-in-chief of the British army, to prepare the way for a treaty of peace. He was created Lord Dorchester, and died in England in 1808.

John Carleton, son of Edward, born in England about 1630, was sent to America by his father to settle up his affairs, as he was a man of property. He settled in Haverhill, Mass., in 1661, and after holding several important positions in that town died January 22, 1668. From him have descended nearly all by the name of Carleton in New England. He had four sons — John, Jr., Joseph, Edward, and Thomas. The last-named, Thomas, born in 1667, died in 1734, lived in Bradford, Mass., and had four sons — Thomas, George, Ebenezer, and John. The latter was the great-grandfather of the writer of this sketch. He was born July 29, 1708, and lived in Bradford and Haverhill, Mass., until 1759, when he purchased or built the mills in Billerica, now North Billerica, where the large woollen-mills in that town now stand. He married Hannah Platt. Their children were: Elizabeth, born November 24, 1733, who married Thomas Todd; Hannah, born September 1, 1736, married Thomas Laws; John, born May 10, 1738; Lydia, born May 26, 1740; Solomon, born June 26, 1742; Amos, born March 13, 1744; Anna, born December 1, 1746; Moses, born September 13, 1749; and Nathan, baptized August 22, 1754.

Moses, the fourth son of John and Hannah, married January 15, 1771, Margaret Sprague. She died July 7, 1782. He married second Sybil Shedd, widow of Reuben Shedd. The children by the first wife were: Moses, born in 1771; Sybil, born May 18, 1773; Nicholas, born December 13, 1774; and Henry, born July 10, 1778. Henry Carleton, son of Moses and Margaret (Sprague) Carleton, married first Polly Greeley, born July 17, 1786; and after her death, which occurred December 3, 1842, he married in January, 1846, Polly

Thompson. He died January 27, 1864. The following is a record of his children, who were all by his first wife: Sylvia, born September 30, 1808, died January 2, 1892. Joseph G., born May 24, 1812, died May 29, 1885. Henry Guy was born in Bucksport, Me., November 30, 1813. Mary H., born February 4, 1816, died March 28, 1889. Margaret, born September 20, 1817, married May 10, 1842, George Alfred Pillsbury. The Margaret Pillsbury Hospital in Concord, N.H., takes its name from her, being a gift of her husband to the city of Concord. He also gave a library building to the town of Warner, N.H., and a soldiers' monument to Sutton, N.H., his native town. Sarah, born January 13, 1820, married Solomon Searles, had no children, and died January 21, 1893. John, born February 5, 1822, who died February 12, 1890, married, and had two children — Emma and Eva. Charles C., born April 14, 1826, died May 10, 1830. Sylvia, Joseph, and Mary never married.

Henry Guy Carleton, born November 30, 1813, son of Henry and Polly (Greeley) Carleton, married December 12, 1848, Miss Hannah E. French. She was born February 18, 1827, and died June 11, 1856. He married second on July 3, 1860, Mrs. Mary J. Nelson, born February 10, 1834. The children by the first marriage were: Frank Henry, born October 8, 1849; and George French Carleton, born October 18, 1853, who died March 5, 1855.

Frank H. Carleton is a graduate of Dartmouth College, was a clerk for a number of years of the Municipal Court of St. Paul, Minn., was private secretary to Governor Pillsbury of that State, and was Assistant City Solicitor of Minneapolis. He is now a member of the successful law firm of Cross, Hicks, Carleton & Cross, of Minneapolis, Minn. He married March 24, 1881, Nellie Jones. His children are: Edwin Jones Carleton, born April 15, 1883; Henry Guy Carleton, born March 21, 1885; George A. Carleton, born April 24, 1888; Frank H. Carleton, Jr., born January 21, 1893; and Fred P. Carleton, born August 29, 1896.

There are others of the Carleton name who are connected with the above. Among the number was Captain Osgood Carleton, who had the reputation of being a great lunar navigator and who wrote a book upon navigation; also Will Carleton, the poet. The name has a good record.

JOHN W. SEVERANCE, a prominent resident of Chichester, Merrimack County, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born February 3, 1822, in Sandwich, Carroll County, which was also the birthplace of his parents, Asa and Rhoda (Webster) Severance. His great-grandfather, Ephraim Severance, was one of the pioneer farmers of that town, having gone there from Deerfield, N.H.

John Severance, son of Ephraim and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a lifelong resident of Sandwich. He was an able farmer and possessed considerable mechanical ingenuity, which he applied to various kinds of handicraft. He took a leading part in public affairs as a supporter of the Whig party, and served as Tax Collector for sixteen consecutive years. He married Lydia Jewell, and had twelve children. The only survivor of the family is James M., who resides in Boston. His wife, Adeline Randall, died leaving four children — Eliza, Nancy, Alonzo, and Waldo. John Severance died at the age of seventy-three, but his wife lived to be eighty years old. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Asa Severance, son of John and father of John W. Severance, was reared to agricultural pursuits; and when a young man he bought a farm adjoining the parental homestead. He displayed an ability which foreshadowed a successful future; but his prosperous career was cut short by his death, which occurred at the age of twenty-eight years. A man of excellent character, he possessed the esteem and good will of his neighbors; and his untimely demise was deeply deplored. In politics he acted with the Democratic party. In his religious views he was a Free Will Baptist. His wife, Rhoda Webster, survived him many years, and died at the age of seventy-seven. Two of her children grew to maturity, namely: John W., of Chichester; and Asa, who married Hannah M. Webster, of Sandwich, and is residing in that town. Mrs. Rhoda W. Severance was a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

John W. Severance attended school in Sandwich until he was ten years old, at which time he came to reside in Chichester. When a young man he learned the trade of an edge-tool maker, and followed it for a short time in this town. He afterward worked in a machine shop in Lowell, Mass., and later, taking up his residence in Manchester, N.H., was there employed for more than twenty years as a practical machinist. Relinquishing his trade, he then returned to Chichester, and, settling upon the farm which was formerly the homestead of his wife's parents, has since resided here.

On November 25, 1841, Mr. Severance married Hannah Jane Kaime. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Sally Watson Kaime, both of whom were natives of Pittsfield and passed their last years in Chichester. Benjamin Kaime was a blacksmith and a farmer. In politics he voted with the Republican party, and he served as a Selectman of the town for some time. For many years he was a Deacon of the Free Will Baptist church. He lived to be eighty years old, and his wife died at seventy-eight. They were the parents of twelve children. Mr. and Mrs. Severance have no children.

Politically a Republican, Mr. Severance represented Manchester in the legislature with marked ability during the years 1855 and 1856 and again in 1876 and 1877. He is connected with Mechanics' Lodge, No. 13, I. O. O. F., of Manchester, and served as its Chaplain for a number of years. He is actively interested in the Patrons of Husbandry, and was one of the organizers of Catamount Grange, of Pittsfield. An industrious and successful farmer, an upright man and a useful citizen, he is highly esteemed by his fellow-townspeople. Mr. and Mrs. Severance are members of the Free Will Baptist church.

FRANK GILMAN EDGERLY, the efficient High Sheriff of Merrimack County, N.H., was born in Meredith, N.H., on February 19, 1853. His parents were William M. and Lydia (Fogg) Edgerly. His ancestors, paternal and maternal, were of English extraction. Thomas Edgerly, the emigrant progenitor on his father's side, came to America in 1664, settling near what is now known as Durham, N.H. Thomas Edgerly was a well-educated man, prominent in the early history of New Hampshire, being one of the Justices before whom were tried many important cases involving the civil and religious rights of citizens.

Frank G. Edgerly acquired a public-school education in Meredith, N.H., completing his studies at the age of sixteen years. He then came to Concord and served an apprenticeship

as printer's devil in the office of the *Independent Democrat*, afterward the *Independent Statesman*, remaining for fourteen years. In 1883 he started a printing establishment, in which he continued as proprietor until 1889, when he became a real estate broker. In 1893 he was appointed Deputy Sheriff; and on April 1, 1895, he became High Sheriff; which position he still holds, being also Jailer, having been re-elected by the largest vote ever accorded any High Sheriff in Merrimack County. In politics Mr. Edgerly affiliates with the Republican party. In 1889 and 1890 he was Representative to the legislature from Concord.

On April 1, 1893, he was married to Anna M. Swasey, of Lisbon, N.H. They have one child, a daughter Lydia. Fraternally, Mr. Edgerly is a thirty-second degree Mason in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites. He is a member of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 11, F. & A. M., in which he has officiated as Worshipful Master for two years; of Trinity Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, which he has served as High Priest two years; Horace Chase Council, Royal and Select Masters, officiating as Thrice Illustrious Master for two years; Mount Horeb Commandery, K. T.; and of Aleppo Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, of Boston. He is connected with White Mountain Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., and Concord Lodge, No. 8, K. of P., being Past Chancellor, and he is Life Member of four organizations: Order of High Priesthood of New Hampshire; Grand Lodge, K. of P., of New Hampshire; Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Hampshire. He is also a member of the New Hampshire Press Association, the New Hampshire Historical Society, and the Derryfield Social Club of Manchester, N.H. In religion he is of the Episcopal faith, and is a highly respected member of St. Paul's Church, of which he is one of the Vestrymen.

FRANCIS W. BLAKE, one of Pittsfield's successful farmers, was born in Hampton Falls, N.H., September 3, 1837, son of Enoch and Lydia (Smith) Blake. The family is of English origin. Its founder, Jasper Blake, who came from England in 1640 and settled at Hampton, N.H., was a relative of Robert Blake, the famous British admiral of that period. The great-grandfather of Francis W. was Jeremiah Blake, son of Joshua. He was a native of Hampton Falls, and a farmer by occupation. He was the father of five children, of whom Enoch (first), the grandfather, was the eldest.

Enoch Blake (first) was born in Hampton Falls, and grew to manhood as a farmer in that town. He served in the Revolutionary War under General Stark. In 1787 he moved to Pittsfield, and occupied a part of the farm now owned by his grandson, Francis W. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious belief he was a Free Will Baptist. At his death he was sixty-nine years old. He married Hannah Eastman, a native of Kensington, N.H. Of their five children who attained maturity Enoch (second) was the eldest. Born in Pittsfield, August 22, 1796, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the greater part of his active period, and also followed the trades of carpenter and cooper to some extent. Prosperity rewarded his industry. In politics he supported the Democratic party. His last years were passed in retirement, and he lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years. Having been a soldier in the War of 1812, he was in receipt of a government pension at the time of his death. His wife, Lydia, who was a daughter of Jo-

siah and Bathsheba Rand Smith, of Chichester, N.H., became the mother of five children, of whom there are living: Jeremiah, Charles, and Francis W. Jeremiah married Lydia A. Tilton, of Loudon, N.H., who died leaving two children — Mary and Ellen. The first of Charles Blake's three marriages was contracted with Angeline Carter. He has no children living. Francis W. Blake's mother died at the age of seventy-eight. Both parents were members of the Free Will Baptist church.

After acquiring his education in Pittsfield and Hampton Falls, Francis W. Blake learned the shoemaker's trade. At the age of twenty-five he moved with his parents to Pittsfield, where he continued to work at his trade for some years. Since then he has been successfully engaged in farming at the homestead. He owns one hundred and twenty-five acres of well-located land, eighty acres of which are under cultivation. He is also quite extensively interested in lumbering.

On June 21, 1866, Mr. Blake wedded Mary Judkins. She is a daughter of Simon B. and Catherine (Hoyt) Judkins, of Kingston, N.H. Mr. Judkins died at the age of sixty-five years. He was well known in Kingston. In politics he acted with the Republican party. In his religious belief he was a Congregationalist; and he was Deacon of the church in that place at the time of his death, having held the office for twenty-two years. Mrs. Blake's parents had five children, four of whom are living. Her sister Emma is the wife of Joshua Lyford, of Brentwood, N.H., having one son, Henry. Her brother John married Sarah Diamond, of Danville, N.H., and is the father of two children — Clifton and Francis. Lydia B. resides on the homestead in Kingston with her mother. Anna E. married William Brown, of Fremont, N.H., and died leaving one daughter, Katie J. Mr. and Mrs. Blake have four children — Elizabeth F., Emma A., George Enoch, and Edna F. Elizabeth F., who was born June 18, 1867, graduated from New Hampton Institution, and is now teaching school in New Hampton, N.H. Emma A., born September 9, 1869, graduated from the Boston Conservatory of Music in 1891, and is an accomplished music teacher in Boston, where she has a large number of pupils. George Enoch, born July 30, 1878, is attending school in New Hampton; and Edna F. was born June 17, 1888. In politics Mr. Blake is independent. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for three years, and he was Tax Collector for one year. He is connected with Pittsfield Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. Both he and Mrs. Blake are members of the Free Will Baptist church, and he has been its clerk for twenty years.

DAVID WARREN COGSWELL, one of Henniker's most highly esteemed residents and a prominent Odd Fellow, was born in this town, January 1, 1824, son of David and Hannah (Haskell) Cogswell. His father, who was a son of Joseph Cogswell, was a native of Essex, Mass., born April 25, 1790. David Cogswell learned the blacksmith's trade with David Choate in his native town, and worked for a time as a journeyman on Cape Ann. He was First Lieutenant of a Gloucester Military Company during the War of 1812, and subsequently received for his services a warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land. In 1815 he settled in Henniker, where he established a blacksmith shop near the stone bridge; and, as from forty to sixty horses were constantly employed in transporting goods between Boston and Vermont, his shop was for many years a favorite place for horse-shoeing and repairing.

He continued to carry on business until 1850, when he sold the shop to his son; and for some years afterward he divided his time between the forge and his farm. In 1820 he erected the house which is now occupied by David W., and he resided in it for nearly fifty years. Being a man of temperate habits, he was strong and vigorous. At his death, on June 30, 1868, which was caused by a cancer in the stomach, he was over seventy-eight years old. On January 3, 1813, he married Hannah Haskell, daughter of Stephen and Anna Haskell, of Essex County, Massachusetts. Among her twelve children were: Colonel Leander Winslow Cogswell, the well-known historian of Henniker; the late Parsons B. Cogswell, formerly editor of the Concord *Monitor-Democrat*; and David W., the subject of this sketch. She died January 13, 1872.

David Warren Cogswell began to assist his father in the blacksmith shop at the age of ten years. In this period, when working at the anvil, he was obliged to stand upon a platform; and his day's labor lasted until nine o'clock in the evening. It was his custom, after performing his share of the forge work from September to March, to spend the summer in helping on the farm. He remained at home until he was twenty-four years old, after which he was employed for two years in machine shops in North Chelmsford and Winchendon, Mass. In 1850, at his father's desire, he bought the shop in Henniker; and he conducted his trade until 1881. He then rented the shop to other parties; and it was subsequently destroyed by fire in 1893, after an existence of over seventy-five years. After relinquishing his trade, Mr. Cogswell, in company with his brother-in-law, N. S. Johnson, bought land on Sunapee Mountain, and erected a large summer boarding-house, which was destroyed by fire some three or four years afterward, causing a heavy loss to its owners. After cutting considerable timber from the land, it was sold; and Mr. Cogswell is now engaged in cultivating his farm of sixty acres. In the early days of the abolition movement he was an earnest worker in the cause. As a member of the Free Soil party he supported the candidacy of John P. Hale for the Presidency, and he has voted with the Republican party since its formation. He has been active in educational matters. While Deputy Sheriff from 1864 to 1874, he induced so many parties to settle their differences out of court that there was but one trial before a justice in Henniker during his term of office. In 1862 and 1863 he was Moderator at town meetings. At that time these assemblages, about equally divided between the opposing parties, were continued far into the morning hours; and it was difficult to maintain order. A firm supporter of the cause of the Union, Mr. Cogswell did much toward caring for the families of soldiers during the war. When sixteen years old he joined an independent military company known as the Grenadiers, and was attached to it until the new laws did away with the old muster days. He has acted as a Justice of the Peace since 1862.

Mr. Cogswell has been twice married. On February 20, 1851, he wedded for his first wife Mary S. Johnson, of Weare. She died March 23, 1859, leaving no children. On December 10 of the same year he was again married to Eliza L. Sawyer, who was of Quaker parentage, and resided in Weare. By this union there are three sons — John C., Leander A., and Willis. John C. has been Town Clerk for five years; Leander A is a shoe manufacturer in Manchester, N.H.; and Willis is a machinist of that city. Mr. Cogswell is a charter member of Crescent Lodge, No. 66, I. O. O. F., and is also a member of

the encampment. He has occupied all of the important chairs of both organizations, and represented both in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of New Hampshire. He is especially qualified for the work of initiation. Since the organization of the lodge he has assisted in introducing every candidate, including his three sons, to the mysteries of Odd Fellowship. There is probably no man in this part of the State who has taken a greater interest in the order. His initiatory work has been highly complimented by the officers of the Grand Lodge. Mrs. Cogswell is very active in the Rebecca Lodge.

HIRAM H. YORK, a well-known farmer of Cornish, has always resided in this town on the estate where he was born December 6, 1823. His grandfather, William York, also born in Cornish, was prominently identified with the Democratic party of the early days. William, in many ways the most prominent man in the town, was a noted veterinary surgeon, whose practice covered an extensive district. He was Sheriff of Sullivan County for many years. In the later part of his life he joined the Methodist church. A man capable of much physical endurance, he had a remarkable constitution, which, perhaps, accounts in a measure for his activities in many directions. He died at the age of ninety-five years. He was twice married. His first wife was Esther Hilliard York, and his second was Betsey Choate York.

Uriah York, also born in Cornish, was sent to the common schools of the town. Later he began farm work, in which he continued engaged throughout the rest of his life. He married Betsy, daughter of Stephen Williams; and their five children were: Esther, Hiram H., Lavinia, John Q., and Allen. Esther became the wife of Mr. Mitchell Coburn, and had one child — Willis, who is now a musician living at Cornish. Mrs. Mitchell Coburn died in 1895. Lavinia is now Mrs. James Lamberton, of Claremont. John Q., who died in 1891, was a farmer, a mason, and a general mechanic; and for some years he filled the office of Highway Surveyor. He was twice married. Emmeline Fitch York, his first wife, bore him no children. Esther Corliss York, the second wife, was the mother of ten children, three of whom are living — Hattie, Lillian, and Addie. Allen York lived in Cornish until he was twenty-five years of age, when he moved to Vermont, where he died in 1888 at the age of fifty-one. He was engaged in carpentering and other mechanic's work, and did some farming. He married Lucinda Owen, and had a family of ten children.

Hiram H. York attended the common schools of Cornish, and then followed in the footsteps of his father by engaging in agricultural pursuits. He owns a farm of some one hundred and thirty-five acres, has always been industrious and thrifty, and is now reaping the reward of his labors. He married Eliza A. Walker, and she is the mother of two children — Elmer E. and Ida E. Elmer married Nellie Richardson, and has three children — Clayton, Amos, and Marion. He has been a school-teacher, and is now a butcher at Cornish and Claremont. Ida married Luman H. Hilliard, of Claremont, N.H., who is engaged in the livery business there. Their children are — Mary Eliza and Ruth Ida.

JOHN SHACKFORD KIMBALL was an enterprising lawyer of Boston and a business man of Burlington, Ia. A son of David and Abigail (Perkins) Kimball,

he was born at Pembroke, N.H., April 28, 1812. His descent from Michael Kimball, who married Bettie Runnells, came through David Kimball of the second generation and David Kimball of the third, who married Abigail Perkins. The fifth generation is now represented by John Stevens Kimball. Mr. Kimball's parents died at Pembroke when he was thirteen years old, leaving nine children — Betsey, Asa, Perkins, John Shackford, Abigail, Sarah Towle (widow of Timothy Colby, of Concord), Joseph, Mary Lewis (widow of Samuel B. Wright, of Burlington, Ia.), and Harriet. Of these Sarah and Mary are living. Mary, who was about five years old at the death of her parents, subsequently lived in the family made famous at that time by the noted Prescott murder. Perkins, after spending some time in the printing business, was later employed in the Boston custom-house, and then kept a store in partnership with J. Frank Hoyt in Concord. On retiring from business, he returned to Hopkinton, and died there December 15, 1876. He first married Lydia Reed Wilde, of Boston, a sister of Joseph Wilde, of the well-known firm of Lawrence, Wilde & Co., furniture dealers, Cornhill, Boston. His second marriage was made with Savalla Mason, of Grafton, N.H., who survived him with one daughter, Sarah Underwood Kimball. Mother and daughter are now residents of Hopkinton, the latter being the present librarian of the Hopkinton Free Library.

When a young man, John Shackford Kimball went to Concord and worked in a bakery. Afterward he entered Hill & Sherburne's printing-office, and there learned book and job printing. While yet new in this occupation, he gained considerable fame as a card printer by the introduction of enamel work. In his school life at New Hampton, N.H., he was an associate of the Hon. John Wentworth, and was one of the founders of the Social Fraternity Library. He was clerk in the old Franklin book store in Concord for a time, and was associated in the printing business with his brother Perkins.

From Concord he went to New Haven, Conn. Later he was for three years a night clerk in the post-office at Portland, Me. While there he read law with District Attorney Haynes. Afterward he took the law course at Harvard College, and was associated in practice with the noted Robert S. Rantoul, of Boston. In 1838 he went to Burlington, Ia., where his youngest brother, Joseph, was conducting a general store in company with Nathaniel Chase from Warner, N.H. Mr. Chase soon dying, Mr. Kimball bought out the latter's interest in the business; and he and Joseph were partners till the latter's death. The firm then became J. S. Kimball & Co., the company being his brother-in-law, S. B. Wright, whose wife still resides there. Shortly after starting the business, prompted to the step by his failing health, he retired from the legal profession, and came East in the capacity of buyer for the firm. The sales of the firm in the course of time increased from eight or nine thousand dollars a year to more than one million dollars, this being the largest business of the kind in the State. In 1863 the business cleared above all expenses one hundred and ten thousand dollars upon an investment of three hundred thousand dollars. In 1864 quarters were secured in Chicago, but owing to Mr. Kimball's ill health nothing was done there. He, however, outlived all the partners he ever had except Mr. Wyman, formerly a clerk of the firm, and Erastus Chamberlain, who was sent to the firm from Massachusetts. The former is now the head of the great firm of Wyman, Rand & Co. In

1866 Mr. Kimball sold out to William Bell, a Scotchman, and retired from the business. In 1854 he purchased a summer residence at Hopkinton, which has since become his permanent home; but his business interests were still with the Burlington firm. He spent much time in Boston, especially during the winter. Another of his associates in the law business was General N. P. Banks, who had been one of his fellow-students. His services in the legislature were mainly on the Judiciary and Banking Committees. He was an able, persistent, and forcible speaker. He was a careful student, was well read in history, and had attained considerable knowledge of German, so that in his later life he was able to undertake translations from the German. He paid a bounty to the first ten men who enlisted in Hopkinton, besides advancing the money for the State bounty.

Mr. Kimball married Mary E. Stevens, daughter of Dr. John Stevens, of Goffstown, N.H., afterward a noted physician of Charlestown and Boston. She was brought up in Boston and was married there. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kimball are: John Stevens, Robert Rantoul, George Alexander, Mary Grace, and Kate Pearl. Both daughters are unmarried and reside with their mother in Hopkinton. Mr. Kimball contributed liberally to all the churches, while he had no professed creed. He did much to assist in local developments, and was most active in all progressive movements. His burial-place is in Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston, Mass.

ELIAS W. PIKE, of Goshen, an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in this town, October 12, 1838, son of Wilson S. and Julia G. (Martin) Pike. His grandfather, Jarvis Pike, who resided in Newport, N.H., was a prosperous farmer.

Wilson S. Pike, who was reared to farm life in Newport, removed when about twenty-one years old to Goshen, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits for the greater part of his active period, and died in September, 1866. The maiden name of his first wife was Harriett Currier. Her five children by him were: Mary, now the widow of Ezekiel Bates, late of Cohasset, Mass.; Mahala, the widow of James Homer, who was formerly in the livery business in Boston; Lodema, the wife of William Morgan, a retired jeweller of Providence, R.I.; Julia, who died in 1849; and Cyrus F., born in 1833, who died at the age of twenty-two years. Wilson S. Pike's second marriage was contracted with Julia G. Martin, of Alexandria, N.H., who became the mother of eight children. These were: Elias W., the subject of this sketch; William Henry; Martha, Ezra G., Harriet, and James Homer, who are deceased; Ruth G., the wife of Eben A. Purington, a prosperous farmer and a Selectman of Goshen; and Ezra G. (second), who married Emma L. Purington, and is engaged in agricultural pursuits in this town. Mrs. Wilson S. Pike is still living, and resides in Goshen.

Elias W. Pike was educated in the district schools and at the New London Academy. He was engaged in farming until October 15, 1862, when he joined Company F, Sixteenth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, under Colonel James Pike and Captain James Woods. He served in the Department of the Gulf upon the lower Mississippi during the late war, and contracted a severe illness that necessitated his discharge on August 20, 1863. After his return home he settled upon a farm located in the western part of this town, and was there engaged in agriculture until November 20,

1894, when he purchased his present farm at Mill Village. On this property, which contains one hundred and twenty acres of land, he carries on general farming and dairying, raising considerable poultry; and he makes a specialty of dealing in cattle. In politics he supports the Republican party. His record in the public service is one of which he has every reason to be proud. For eight years he was a member of the Board of Selectmen, and he was its Chairman for four years of that time. He has also served as Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, and member of the School Board; and he was Postmaster for some time and Census Enumerator in 1880 and 1890. As a member of the House of Representatives in 1887 and 1888 he made himself conspicuous by his able committee work and the zeal with which he labored for the best interests of the State.

On July 3, 1859, Mr. Pike wedded Mary F. Purington. She was born in Goshen, February 6, 1843, daughter of Imri and Mary (Lear) Purington, natives respectively of Henniker, N.H., and Goshen. Imri Purington settled upon a farm in Goshen, where he resided until his death, which occurred about the year 1891. Mrs. Pike's mother died within the same year. They were the parents of four children, namely: Mary F., now Mrs. Pike; B. Jennie, the wife of E. H. Carr, a livery man of Newport, N.H.; Eugene I., who married Luella J. Greggs, and resides in this town; and Emma L., Eugene's twin sister, who married Ezra G. Pike, of Goshen. Mr. and Mrs. Pike have had eight children — Dora M., Etta F., Fred W., Sherman L., Jennie L., Hatch C., Harry E., and Josephine B. Dora M. is the wife of W. O. Sides, 2d, a letter-carrier in Portsmouth, N.H.; Etta F. married Frank W. Baker, of Goshen, and died April 15, 1881, leaving one son — Fred W.; Fred W. Pike, who is a prosperous farmer of this town, wedded Mary J. Oakes, of Vermont, and has one son — Howard E., born July 31, 1893. Sherman L., who is operating a grist-mill in Newport, N.H., married Bertha J. Russell, of Goshen, and has two children — Bernard T. and Gladys E. Jennie L. is the wife of Ernest H. Hurd, of Lynn, Mass., and has one son, Harry E. Harry E. Pike and Hatch were twins. The former is a shoemaker in Portsmouth, N.H. Hatch C. and Josephine B. are residing at home. Mr. Pike, Sr., is Master of Pomona Grange, of Sullivan County, and is connected with Sunapee Mountain Grange, No. 144, of Mill Village. He takes a loyal interest in the general welfare of the community. Both he and Mrs. Pike are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOHN W. STAPLES, M.D., a prominent physician of Franklin Falls, N.H., and a native of Wells, Me., was born January 25, 1855. His parents, John and Ann (Wells) Staples, also natives of Wells, belonged to families that had lived in that town for a number of generations. John Staples, who was a farmer, spent his life in the place of his birth, and died in 1879. His wife had died in 1877. They had four children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were: Albert, who died when nine years old; Moses, a farmer in Wells; and John W., the subject of this article.

John W. Staples received his early education by attending the district schools in the winter season. In the summer he worked on the farm. He afterward went for two terms to private schools; and when fifteen years old he entered South Berwick Academy in Maine, graduating in the class of 1872. On leaving the academy, he became a student of Dartmouth College, and there graduated in 1876.

Then he took the medical course at Vermont University, where he remained until 1880, receiving his degree when twenty-five years old. In that year he began practice in Franklin Falls, where he has since been located. He has also an office in Tilton, N.H.

The Doctor was married January 25, 1882, to Miss Martha L. Kimball, daughter of Ezra S. and Elizabeth (Colburn) Kimball, both of Haverhill, N.H. They have one child — Charles Wells, born August 29, 1884, who is at home. Dr. Staples has an excellent practice in the village, and sufficient patients in Tilton to occupy about two or three hours each day. He has been a member of the School Board for six years, and he has also served acceptably for several years on the Board of Health. He is a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife are members of the Unitarian Society. He has been successful in life, and is highly regarded in the community.

HENRY M. BAKER, of Bow, Merrimack County, lawyer and Congressman, and son of Aaron Whittemore and Nancy (Dustin) Baker, was born in Bow, January 11, 1841. He comes of patriotic and heroic ancestry. His great-great-grandfather, Captain Joseph Baker, a Colonial surveyor, married Hannah, only daughter of Captain John Lovewell, the famous Indian fighter, who was killed in the battle of Pigwacket, May 8, 1725. A few years later the township of Suncook, or Lovewell's town, which included much of the present town of Pembroke, was granted by Massachusetts to the surviving participants and the heirs of those killed in that battle. As its boundaries conflicted with those of the town of Bow, chartered May 10, 1727, by Governor Wentworth, of New Hampshire, the grantees never received the full benefits of the grant. The resulting contention was terminated December 13, 1804, when that part of Bow east of the Merrimac River was annexed to Pembroke and Concord. The Colonial heroine, Hannah Dustin, was a maternal ancestor of Henry M. Baker. Another maternal relative was Walter Bryant, who surveyed many of the townships and the eastern boundary of the State, and was prominent in Colonial affairs.

Captain Baker's son, Joseph, married a descendant of one of the Scotch Covenanters, and settled in Bow. He was among the first to locate there, and the acres he cleared and cultivated are a part of the family homestead. He was a soldier in the Revolution and a man of energy and influence. James Baker, son of Joseph, married a grand-daughter of the Rev. Aaron Whittemore, the first clergyman settled in Pembroke. Of their six children Aaron Whittemore Baker was the eldest. When his father died from injuries accidentally received, he was only twelve years old, an early age to take up the burden of life. However, resolutely meeting the responsibilities he could not escape, and with the aid of his mother, he managed so that the younger children were well educated, and the farm was successfully cultivated. He was a man of sterling integrity, of advanced thought, a bitter opponent of slavery, an ardent advocate of temperance, and the friend of the friendless. His wife, Nancy Dustin Baker, a lady of high character, sweet disposition, and great talent, was generally beloved. Of their children the only other survivor is John B. Baker, of Bow, a member of the legislature of 1897.

The Hon. Henry M. Baker attended the schools of his native town, the academies in Pembroke and Hopkinton, the New Hampshire Conference Seminary at Tilton, and Dartmouth College, graduating from the last-

named institution in 1863. Three years later he received the degree of Master of Arts. Soon after graduation he commenced the study of law under the direction of Judge Minot, of Concord. Early in 1864 he was appointed to a clerkship in the War Department at Washington, D.C., and a few months later, at his request, was transferred to the Treasury Department, where he filled different positions of trust and responsibility for several years. During this time he continued his law studies, and, having entered the law department of the Columbian University, graduated as Bachelor of Laws in 1866, and was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. In 1882 he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States. For several years he practised his profession at the seat of national government, where he soon obtained a large clientage, and was engaged in many important cases. His practice was varied, requiring close application to details and a knowledge of many subjects not included in the ordinary course of professional work.

The sons of the Granite State are noted for their love of home and for attachment to the hills, valleys, lakes, and rivers which make that State so picturesque and beautiful. Wherever they roam, or however long absent, they turn with loving devotion to the old homesteads, and greet with equal joy old friends and accustomed scenes. Though necessarily absent for months at a time in a period of several years, Mr. Baker has never ceased to be a resident of his native town; and no year has passed without a visit to the old home, to mingle with his neighbors and friends and enjoy its pure air and beautiful scenery. He has always been an aggressive Republican, and every general election has found him at the polls. No demand has been made for his aid or services that he has not promptly met. As a campaigner he has few superiors. No efficient plan for the development of our material, social, educational, political, or religious interests or reputation is without his approval or hearty co-operation. No son of New Hampshire is more jealous of her good name and high standing in all that constitutes a worthy commonwealth than Mr. Baker. At every opportunity he has been earnest in his advocacy of State aid to her public libraries, institutions of learning and of charity, and for the preservation of her historical records and objects of patriotic interest.

In 1886–87 Mr. Baker was Judge Advocate General of our National Guard, with the rank of Brigadier-general. He was nominated in the Merrimack District by acclamation as the candidate of his party for the State Senate in 1890. It was close fighting-ground; for in the two preceding elections there had been no choice by the people, and in the last election the Democratic candidate had received a plurality. General Baker took personal charge of his campaign, and won a great political victory, running largely ahead of the general ticket. While in his district the Republican candidate for governor had a plurality of only seventy-six votes, he received a plurality of one hundred and fifty and a majority of seventy-five votes. At the same time his energetic canvass contributed greatly to the general success of his party, and its control of the legislature that year was largely due to him. In the Senate he was Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, a member of several other important committees, and the Chairman of the Joint Special Committee on the Revision, Codification, and Amendment of the Public Statutes of the State. He took an active part in all the proceedings of the session, became the Republican leader, and was

recognized as a forceful and logical debater, well informed upon all public questions.

General Baker was elected Representative in Congress from the Second District in 1892 by a good plurality, reversing the Democratic victory in the preceding election. In 1894 he was re-elected by a plurality more than fourteen times greater than that of 1892. In the Fifty-third Congress he was assigned to the Committees on Agriculture and on the Militia. In the next Congress he was a member of the Committees on the Judiciary and on the Election of President, Vice-President, and Representatives in Congress. He was active and faithful in committee work, and was Chairman of one of the standing subcommittees of the Judiciary Committee. Several important matters were reported by him.

His principal speeches in Congress were made in opposition to the repeal of the Federal election laws, on the Methods of Accounting in the Treasury Department, in favor of the Purchase and Distribution to the Farmers of the Country of Rare and Valuable Agricultural and Horticultural Seeds, on the Tariff, on Protection not Hostile to Exportation, on the Necessity of Adequate Coast Defences, on the Criminal Jurisdiction of the United States Supreme Court, and on Civil Service Reform. Several of these speeches were printed in pamphlet form, and many thousand copies of them were distributed. Mr. Baker was a frequent participator in the general discussions of the House, and the *Congressional Record* shows his views upon every important subject of recent national legislation. He was not again a candidate for re-election.

General Baker has been heard upon the stump frequently, and is active wherever he can aid his party. His campaign speeches are distinguished for fairness, the entire absence of abuse, and for a clear and vigorous presentation of the policy and platform of the several parties. He is a member of the New Hampshire Club, and has spoken before it on several occasions in advocacy of the educational, historical, and business interests of our State. His remarks in favor of the substitution of silver or silver certificates for the United States and Treasury notes now in circulation, but to be cancelled as silver or silver certificates are issued, were printed, and attracted considerable attention. In religion he is a Unitarian. He is a Mason, a Knight Templar, and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He has made valuable contributions to the New Hampshire Historical Society, of which he is a member, and has established prizes in Dartmouth College. He has been an extensive traveller in America and Europe, and a close student and keen observer. An independent thinker, he investigates every subject upon which he is called to speak or to act. He is a good organizer, is not discouraged by opposition, and possesses high executive ability. He has achieved no success he has not earned.

JOHN TYLER was well known in Claremont as an inventor and builder. He was a son of John Tyler and a grandson of Benjamin Tyler, both eminent mechanics. Benjamin, who settled in Claremont in the spring of 1776, built the first dam across the Sugar River at West Claremont, and was for many years one of the most public-spirited men in town. The History of Claremont gives the following facts concerning his grandson: —

"John Tyler was born in Claremont, March 26, 1818. He learned the trade of millwright, serving an apprenticeship of seven years, and was then for eight years foreman of the shop where he learned his trade in Barre,

JOHN TYLER.

Vt. He went to West Lebanon in 1850, and for several years did a large business in building mills, sometimes employing fifty men. He returned to Claremont in 1872, where he has since resided. He was engineer and superintendent in building the Sugar River paper-mill, and was a principal stockholder and the President of the company.

"Mr. Tyler is the inventor of the Tyler turbine water-wheel, which he had patented in 1856, and which he manufactured for many years. His was the first iron water-wheel made, and nine different patents were subsequently granted him for improvements upon it. These wheels found their way all over the country, some of them also finding their way abroad; and for years they were considered the best turbine wheels manufactured, this fact being thoroughly developed some years ago by a comparative and competitive test of the products of other makers of similar wheels. He was also the inventor and patentee of Tyler's copper cylinder washer for washing paper stock. In 1874 he built the reservoir known as the Bible Hill Aqueduct, which supplies over two hundred families in Claremont village with pure fresh spring water for household purposes. He was a stockholder of the Ben Mere Inn at Sunapee Lake, also in the Woodsum Steamboat Company. In both of these enterprises Mr. Tyler was deeply interested. He not only used his influence to make Sunapee Lake what it is to-day, but he opened his purse wide to aid in its improvement. He was a far-seeing and sagacious business man. If he started into any kind of business that was backward in getting on to a paying basis, he labored the harder for it. He was a stanch Republican. He was a member of the legislature in 1891-92, and his record is a clean one. He was a public-spirited, genial man; and in his death Claremont lost a most worthy citizen. He was a lover of good horses, and in his stables could always be found the best blooded and handsomest to be had. In religious convictions he leaned toward the Universalist faith; and he always attended divine worship at the First Universalist Church, although never uniting with the society." He was a most liberal man, and no worthy cause was brought to his notice that failed to receive assistance at his hands. He died at his home, November 28, 1896.

While a young man working at his trade in Barre, Vt., he married Roxalana Robinson, of that town, who died on the first anniversary of their marriage. Not long after he married Miss Mary J. Smith, of Rutland, Vt., with whom he lived for fifty years, she passing away but a few years since at their home on Pleasant Street. Mr. Tyler married for the third time, October 31, 1894, Miss Anna Maria, daughter of Taylor and Sybil (Lawton) Alexander, who survives him. She is also a Universalist.

SAMUEL SMITH PAGE, who for more than forty years was one of the most esteemed residents of Hopkinton, was born September 30, 1822, in Dunbarton, N.H. He is a descendant of Benjamin Page, who was born in 1640, in Dedham, fifty-seven miles north-east of London, England. In 1660, on account of religious differences, Benjamin came to America, locating in Haverhill, Mass., where on September 21, 1666, he married Mary Whittier, who belonged to the family from which the poet, John G. Whittier, sprung. Their son, Jeremiah, the eldest of a family of sixteen, born September 14, 1667, was the next ancestor. He married Deborah Hendrick, of Newburyport, Mass., July 2, 1696; and they reared seven children,

two sons and five daughters, the sons being Caleb and Joshua. He died in 1752.

Caleb Page, the next in line of descent, was born August 16, 1705, and died in 1785. He married in 1728 or 1729 Ruth Wallingford, of Boston, who died in 1738. In 1740 he married a widow Carleton, of Newburyport, who weighed three hundred and fifteen pounds. She, together with a huge arm-chair, now in the possession of the Stark family, had to be carried to meeting on an ox sled. In 1749 Caleb Page removed from Haverhill, Mass., to Atkinson, N.H., where he is said to have owned land measuring one mile in opposite directions from the site of the present academy. In 1751 he sold his lands in Atkinson for his wife's weight in silver dollars, and located in Dunbarton, this county. The country was then infested with Indians; and his daughter Elizabeth, who later became the wife of General John Stark of Revolutionary fame, often stood, musket in hand, as guard at the rude block-house. In 1758 Governor Wentworth appointed Caleb Page Captain of Provincials. The commission given to him on this occasion is copied in full in the History of Dunbarton. Caleb, who is said to have had a noble and benevolent spirit, had ample means to indulge his generous impulses. His money, comprising golden guineas, silver crowns and dollars, was kept in a half-bushel measure under the bed. He owned many slaves. His house was the abode of hospitality and the scene of many a happy gathering. In 1753, previous to receiving his Captain's commission, the governor sent him as a guide with Colonel Lowell, of Dunbarton, Major Talford, of Chester, and General John Stark, to mark out the road from Stevenstown, now Salisbury, to Coos. He was a firm patriot, and in 1775 was the first delegate from Dunbarton and Bow to the Provincial Congress. His children were: Caleb, Jeremiah, Elizabeth, and Molly. Caleb Page, Jr., who held a Lieutenant's commission in the French and Indian War, together with his company was ambushed by Indians between Crown Point and Ticonderoga, and killed in the ensuing massacre with several of his men, January 21, 1757. Elizabeth, born in 1736, who died in 1817, married General John Stark, by whom she had eight children; namely, John, Caleb, Archibald, Charles, Ellen, Polly, Sophia, and Frank. Molly married Deacon James Russell, of Bow.

Jeremiah Page, born in August, 1730, died November 29, 1807. In 1745 he bought land in Dunbarton, and from that time until his death was actively identified with local affairs. He served as Justice of the Peace, and did most of the surveying for Hillsborough County. In 1784 he was appointed Judge in the New Hampshire courts. In 1752 he married Sarah Merrill, of Billerica, Mass., who was born in 1732, and died September 5, 1807. Their children were: Caleb, the grandfather of Samuel Smith Page; Sarah, born in Dracut, Mass., December 24, 1754, who married A. Stinson, and died in 1835. Jeremiah, a native of Dunbarton, born in 1756, who died in 1842; Achsah, born September 25, 1759, who died in 1831, and whose successive husbands were first B. Plummer, Esq., who died in 1816, and Captain C. Coffin; Elizabeth, born August 2, 1765, who married William Tenney, and died October 22, 1838; John, born in 1767, who married M. Story in 1810, and died August 14, 1837; and Ruth, born in 1770, who married Dr. S. Sawyer, and died June 27, 1804. Caleb Page, the third bearer of the name, was born in Dracut, Mass., in April, 1751, and died June 3, 1816. His wife, Hannah, bore him seven children, three of the sons being named Caleb, John, and Peter Carleton. Peter Carleton Page, the

father of Samuel S. Page, was born July 1, 1783, and died October 15, 1858. He married Miss Lucy Smith, who was born November 26, 1792, in Hopkinton. They reared three sons; namely, Caleb, Samuel Smith, and George.

Samuel Smith Page received his education in Pembroke, Hopkinton, and New Hampton. Ill health forced him to abandon further study; and at the age of eighteen years he began teaching school in Weston, Mass., where his mathematical ability was well displayed. A pupil relates that when the text-book was completed the young teacher propounded questions that, he said, had baffled Dartmouth professors, the class often spending its energies for a whole week on some of them. After his marriage he bought the Greenough homestead on Dimond Hill on the dividing line between Concord and Hopkinton, and there successfully carried on general farming until his death, which occurred on Thursday, October 22, 1896.

In 1852, June 10, Mr. Page married Miss Ellen Maria Cutter, of Weston, Mass., one of his pupils, who was five years younger than himself. He was a man of great intelligence and force of character, having the courage of his convictions, which he was never unwilling to express or defend. He served several terms as Moderator of Dunbarton, was a member of the Superintending School Committee, and in 1864 and 1865 was one of the Selectmen of Hopkinton. In 1840 he united with the Baptist church of his native town, having been converted during a revival, and for more than half a century after was devoted to the Christian work of that denomination as well as to the broader needs of humanity, his large and loving heart beating in sympathy with those of every sect and clime. Throughout his long illness he was a most patient and cheerful sufferer, trusting serenely in the goodness of the Divine Master. His death was a sad loss, not only to his immediate family, but to the community in which he had so long lived. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Page was a daughter — Lucie Elizabeth, who is now the wife of Arthur Borden, of Denver, Col., and has one child, Marguerite Borden.

ROBERT W. HOIT, of Mast Yard, Concord, N.H., son of Robert B. and Hannah (Goodwin) Hoit, was born July 15, 1859, on the ancestral estate on Horse Hill, Penacook, where he still makes his home.

His great-grandfather, Oliver Hoit, born in November, 1747, married first Rebecca Gerald, and second widow Rhoda Hoit Whittier. He had by his first wife fifteen children, thirteen of whom lived to maturity. Mrs. Rebecca G. Hoit died in 1808, aged fifty-eight years; and Mrs. Rhoda Hoit died in 1851. Oliver Hoit died September 11, 1827. Oliver Hoit settled in 1772 on Horse Hill in the northwestern part of Concord, being the first settler in that part of the town. On March 7, 1775, a parish of Concord voted to lease him the eighty-acre school lot for nine hundred years, he paying six dollars annually; but this vote was reconsidered March 4, 1777, and the Selectmen were directed to receive of him one hundred dollars in full consideration for said lot.

The son Enoch, born to Oliver and Rebecca, August 16, 1783, eventually came into possession of the farm. He married a widow, Mary French Hoyt, who had five children by her former husband; namely, Freeman, Sewall, Mary French, William, and French Hoyt. The children of Enoch and Mary Hoit were as follows: Robert B., Gillman T., Oliver, Pris-

cilla, Rosette and Jeanette (twins), Henry, Enoch, and Wyette. The twin to Oliver died young. Enoch Hoit was an industrious farmer, and added many improvements to the farm. He died July 31, 1856. His wife Mary died August 1, 1848.

Their son, Robert B., the next proprietor of the homestead, where he was born, received such education as was afforded by the district schools. He was always a farmer; and, with the exception of a few years in Massachusetts, he spent the whole of his life on the estate, which he enlarged. He built a fine set of brick buildings about thirty years ago, and these still stand out very prominently in the town. He died July 18, 1887, on his seventieth birthday. He was a very prominent citizen, and served as Selectman and as Councilman, and was two terms in the State legislature. He married in 1843 Hannah Goodwin. She died April 9, 1896, aged seventy-four years. They had five children — Katherine P., Mary F., Lucy, Willie, and Robert W. Lucy and Willie died young. Katherine P. Hoit married Sherwin Colby. They reside in West Concord, and have four children — Evelyn M., Kate P., Idella, and Clarence Colby. Mary F. Hoit married George French. They reside in Boscawen, and have no children.

Robert W. Hoit, of Mast Yard, N.H., was born at the homestead on Horse Hill, as above stated, about thirty-eight years ago. He was educated here, and has always made this place his home. His father bequeathed the estate to him, and he is now in possession. He married November 20, 1882, Bessie B. Deatherage, who was born February 29, 1864, at Waverly, Ill.

Mr. Hoit is a loyal Republican. He is known to be keenly interested in all the leading questions of the day, and well informed in political and educational and other public matters. He takes an active part in political affairs, and has served as Councilman. His first Presidential vote was cast for James A. Garfield.

FREDERIC AUGUSTUS BRIGGS, a well-known hotel man of Claremont, N.H., was born in Charlestown, this State, September 9, 1838, son of Joseph Gilman and Abigail (Woods) Briggs. Some interesting facts concerning the origin of the Briggs family may be found in Burke's "Peerage" and in the History of the County of Norfolk, England, by Bloomfield. It is shown that before the time of Edward I. (1272) the representatives of the family assumed the surname of De Ponte or Pontibus. Many of them from the time of de Ponte de Salle, whose son John was born in 1383, became men of mark, and held high and responsible positions in church and State, or accomplished deeds of renown. One Thomas Brygge, of Holt, in 1392, in company with Sir Thomas Swinbourne, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre; and an account thereof, written by himself, is still extant in a manuscript preserved in the library of Caius College, Cambridge University, England.

Thomas Bryggs, Rector of Risingham in 1539, subsequently became Chaplain to Lady Mary, sister of King Edward VI. He was also Vicar of Kenninghall and later Vicar of Windham. Henry Brygge, born at Halifax, Yorkshire, in 1556, was a mathematician. In 1617 he visited Napier at Edinburgh, and induced him to make an important change in his recently invented system of logarithms. Augustine Briggs, a determined Royalist, fought for Charles I., joining the Earl of Newcastle's forces, and taking part in the siege of Lynn in 1643. His son William be-

came a physician and oculist of great repute, and was a friend of Sir Isaac Newton. In 1682 he published a work entitled "Theory of Vision," and three years later a Latin version of the same, to which Sir Isaac Newton wrote the preface.

The earliest mention of the name Briggs in this country appears in the records of the Plymouth Colony, wherein one Clement Briggs is said to have arrived in the good ship "Fortune," November 9, 1621. Mention was made of him by Bradford in his letter to John Winthrop in 1631. He settled in Dorchester in 1630–31, and married Joan Allen. Two years later he removed to Weymouth. He had children as follows: Thomas, Jonathan, John, David, Clement, Redmond, all of whom, together with his second wife, Elizabeth, executrix, are mentioned in his will. He was born, it is positively known, in Barmundsey Street, Southwark, England, and died July 28, 1659.

The line was continued as follows: Jonathan, the second son of Clement, married and had a son Jonathan, whose son John married Ellen Hewitt, and had William, who married Ellen Rice; and their son Eliphalet, born in 1734 at Norton, Mass., settled in Keene, N.H., and married Mary Cobb. At the time of his death, October 11, 1776, he was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Keene, one of the Town Committee of Safety, and had been a delegate to the Safety Convention held at Walpole. This convention was called by order of a subcommittee of the several Committees of Safety in the county. He was Captain in the Indian War. His wife died June 9, 1806, and left Eliphalet, Jr., born in Keene in 1765, who died in 1827. He married Elizabeth Stiles, daughter of Captain Jeremiah Stiles, one of the early settlers of Keene and one of its most prominent citizens. He was Captain of the Keene company in Paul Dudey Sargent's regiment, and was at the battles of Lexington and Bunker Hill. He was continually in office from 1765 until his death in 1800. He was Keene's delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1778.

Joseph Gilman Briggs, son of Eliphalet, Jr., and Elizabeth, and father of Frederic Augustus, was born in Keene, N.H., June 10, 1805. He served an apprenticeship as a cabinet-maker with his eldest brother, Eliphalet, in Keene. He was a gifted and an accomplished singer. He taught the first singing-school in Keene, and for several years was the leader of the First Congregational Church choir; and Miss Woods, who became his wife, was his leading soprano. After his marriage he removed to Montpelier, Vt., where he went into business, but by the urgent request of his uncle William, of Charlestown, N.H., he was induced in 1828 to go to that town. William Briggs, of Charlestown, a graduate of Dartmouth, class of 1799, was a lawyer by profession and a stanch Whig. In 1824 he was appointed a committee to build the vault and stone work of the first Connecticut River Bank, and was a Director of that institution during its existence. He was President of the new bank from its beginning until his death in 1847. In that year Joseph G. Briggs removed to Claremont, where he engaged extensively in the manufacture of furniture, looms, school furnishings, etc. He built many houses in town, including the Terrace School-house. He was liberal, and encouraged everything that tended to the growth and prosperity of the town. Briggs Street was named in 1860 by the Selectmen in his honor. He married Abigail Woods, daughter of Elijah, who was the son of William and Naomi (Langley) Woods, the former one of the early settlers of

Keene. Elijah Woods married Sally Brown, who was of the sixth generation in descent from Peter Brown, one of the Pilgrim Fathers who landed from the "Mayflower" at Plymouth in 1620.

Joseph G. Briggs died November 12, 1876. His children were: William Henry; Joseph G., Jr.; Juliet Elizabeth, born in 1831, died in 1832; Sarah Louisa; Charles Lyman; Samuel Edgar; Frederic Augustus; Abba; and Mary Elizabeth. William Henry Briggs, born in 1827, married Mary Augusta Anderson, of Boston, Mass. Joseph G., Jr., born 1830, married Ellen L. West, of Charlestown, N.H., was a famed hotel man in his day, and died February 10, 1894. Sarah Louisa, born in 1833, married Francis R. Stebbins, of Adrian, Mich., one of the pioneers of that city and founder of the *Adrian Expositor*, who died in 1892. Charles Lyman, born in 1835, married Maria Hall Tripler, of New York, and is proprietor of the Clarendon Hotel and manager of the "Florence" in that city. Samuel Edgar, born in 1836, who was graduated at Norwich University, Norwich, Vt., married Mary A. Hoover, of Los Angeles, Cal., and died at Fitzwilliam, N.H., in 1888. His two children were: Mary Louisa, who died; and Lillie, who married Dr. MacGowan in 1890, and resides in Los Angles, Cal. Abba Briggs, born in 1841, married Stephen Batcheller, of Fitzwilliam, N.H., son of Dr. James Batcheller, of Marlboro, N.H. They have one child, Fanny, who married Donald McIver Blair, of Boston. Mary Elizabeth Briggs, who was born in 1844, and died in 1874, married George W. Merrifield, of Claremont, N.H.

Frederic Augustus, the seventh child of his parents, and the subject of our sketch, married Juliette Rebecca Cowles, daughter of Albert and Rebecca (Wark) Cowles, granddaughter of Leman and Clara (Bunnel) Cowles, and great-grand-daughter of Timothy and Sarah (Stilson) Cowles, of Farmington, Conn., who settled in Claremont in 1780. The children, all born in Claremont, except Robert Percy, are as follows: Abba Louisa, born April 16, 1863; Frederic Augustus, Jr., born August 8, 1864; Mary Rebecca, born March 27, 1866; Joseph Albert, born December 24, 1867, who married Margrette Surrette, April 12, 1889, and has a child, Bertha Augusta, born March 6, 1890; Julietta Augusta, born October 29, 1869; Sarah Eunice, born August 30, 1872, who married Charles S. Wilson, December 6, 1893, and had a child, Paul Dunbar, born in Claremont, October 22, 1894; Robert Percy, born in New York City, October 2, 1875; Lilla Stebbins, born June 19, 1877; Justina Adeline, born February 26, 1879; Emily Victoria, born May 23, 1884.

ROBERT H. ROLFE, the courteous and efficient cashier and advertising manager of the Republican Press Association at Concord, N.H., was born here, October 16, 1863, and is the son of Henry Pearson and Mary Rebecca (Sherburne) Rolfe, of this city. In his boyhood he attended the public schools of Concord, and, after graduating from the high school, entered Dartmouth College, where he was graduated in the class of 1884. He then for a short time engaged in the study of law; but, feeling more inclination for a business career, he abandoned the thought of a profession, and entered the employ of the Boston & Lowell Railroad as an accountant. He afterward served the Boston & Maine Railroad in the same capacity. In 1889 he went to North Adams, Mass., as assistant superintendent of the Zylonite Man-

ufacturing Company, with which concern he stayed until it was sold out to the Celluloid Company of New Jersey. He then returned to Concord, and soon after was offered his present position of cashier and advertising manager of the Republican Press Association, which he fills with great acceptance to all concerned. After graduating from college, he entered the New Hampshire National Guard as a private in Company C of the Third Regiment of New Hampshire, and has been rapidly promoted until three years ago he attained the rank of Colonel in the regiment, and has held it ever since.

Colonel Rolfe makes a fine officer; and not only is he a very popular young man among his own particular friends and associates, but he also possesses the good will of his fellow-townsmen generally.

HORACE LEROY CHOATE, a well-known and respected farmer of Hopkinton, N.H., was born in Henniker, Merrimack County, April 20, 1833, a son of George and Betsey Davis Choate. He is a lineal descendant of one John Choate, who was a son of Robert and Sarah Choate, and was baptized at Groton, Boxford, Colchester, England, June 6, 1624. In 1643 John emigrated to New England, and at the age of nineteen was a resident of Chebacco in Ipswich, Mass. Soon after he bought up shares of common lands allotted to the proprietors on Hog Island (which acquired its name from its resemblance to a hog lying on its back in the water), and in 1690 he was almost the sole owner of its three hundred acres. The earliest deed extant, dated in 1678, was for the site of the present Choate house, the birthplace of the Hon. Rufus Choate, New England's great jurist and advocate. John Choate was often in disgrace, the records showing that he was frequently before the magistrates, and not always for the offence of some one else. He was tried for stealing apples, but was acquitted; and he was arraigned for lying, but the charge was dismissed. In numerous other cases by the use of his own keen wit he succeeded in evading punishment. He was a natural litigant and lawyer, and his fertility of resource in defence seems to have been transmitted to his descendants with increasing power.

Thomas Choate, son of the first John, born at Chebacco, Ipswich, Mass., in 1671, resided on Hog Island. A very prominent man, he was familiarly known as Governor Choate; and he served as a Representative to the General Court, to which he was first elected in 1723, for several terms. He was married successively to Miss Mary Varney, Mrs. Mary Calef, and Mrs. Hannah Burnham, and died in 1745. His last wife survived him until 1782. His son Ebenezer, the next in line of descent, was born in 1706, and died in 1766. Ebenezer was an innkeeper, a Notary Public, and the Coroner of the town. In 1730 he married Miss Elizabeth Greenleaf. Their son John, born December 27, 1745, in Newburyport, Mass., married January 8, 1767, Abigail Tyler; and their only child was John Tyler Choate. John Tyler, who was born in Newburyport, July 11, 1768, married Hannah Pearson, also a native of Newburyport, born July 15, 1770. After their marriage they removed to Hopkinton, N.H., locating first near the centre of the town. Afterward they removed to the part in which his grandson, Horace LeRoy, lives. John Tyler subsequently acquired the adjoining farm, where he afterward carried on farming and worked at his trade of blacksmith until his demise on February 20, 1844. Shortly after his widow with her eldest child went to Underhill, Vt.,

where her death occurred, November 14, 1848. Their children were: Susanna, Nabby, John Tyler, Michael, Isaac Newton, Polly, George, Thomas, Ebenezer, Thirza, Benjamin, Aaron, Langdon, and William Pearson. Susanna, born March 2, 1790, married first Amos Johnson, second James Dodge, and died April 6, 1870. Nabby, born October 4, 1791, died in infancy. John Tyler, born October 21, 1792, first married Abiah Stanley. After her death he wedded Mrs. Lydia Powell Lincoln, and died August 18, 1871. Michael, born August 12, 1794, died two days later. Isaac Newton, born June 1, 1795, successively married Amarilla Bostwick and Elizabeth Chamberlain, and died in March, 1870. Polly, born April 6, 1797, died April 1, 1829. George, born January 5, 1799, died September 13, 1888. Thomas, born September 8, 1800, married Harriet Swan, and died March 13, 1885. Ebenezer, born April 15, 1802, who successively married Phebe Hanson Hull and Betsey Harvey, died in April, 1882. Thirza, born November 24, 1803, married Marshall Morse, and died March 28, 1885. Benjamin, born June 16, 1805, married Margaret Stearns, and died March 15, 1858. Aaron, born November 28, 1807, died January 3, 1888. Langdon, born September 7, 1810, married Deborah V. Jones, and is now living in Hamilton, Hancock County, Ill. William Pearson, born February 10, 1812, married Martha Bailey, and died October 29, 1879.

George Choate was a mason and a blacksmith in the village of Henniker for many years. Coming from there to Hopkinton in 1836, he settled on the present homestead farm, where he resided until his death. During the last ten years of his life he was an invalid. He was celebrated as a fifer in the time of the old militia. In his later years, accompanied by the late Jonah Campbell, a famous drummer, he used to furnish music at all public functions. In March, 1832, he married Betsey Davis, who was born March 8, 1808, in Hopkinton, daughter of Abraham and Priscilla (Currier) Davis. She died February 8, 1880, leaving two children—Horace LeRoy and Lizzie Annie. Lizzie Annie, born September 13, 1839, on December 10, 1873, married Nathan S. Smith, of Salem, N.H., and died January 15, 1890, leaving no issue.

Horace LeRoy Choate worked at the mason's trade in his earlier life. Afterward he was employed in a mill at Manchester, this State, for a time, and then spent a year with his uncle in Illinois. Returning to New Hampshire, he was engaged as a meat dealer in Concord for three or four years. In that period he was also deputy keeper of the Merrimack County jail. He assumed the management of the old home farm in 1859, and has since resided there, successfully engaged in general agriculture. Mr. Choate has been twice married. On December 10, 1863, Mary Mabel Heath, daughter of Christopher and Sarah (Call) Heath, became his wife. She was born June 3, 1835, in Pittsburg, N.H., and died on the homestead, November 1, 1882. On December 10, 1883, the twentieth anniversary of his first marriage, and the tenth anniversary of his sister's wedding, he married Frances Emma Coomes, a widow, and a daughter of Cyrus and Hannah (Rand) Ford. She was born in Monroe, Me., December 12, 1842, and died August 13, 1890. For the past five years Mr. Choate has had the services of Mrs. Nancy B. Silver, one of the friends of his early life, in the capacity of housekeeper. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, but he has never been an aspirant for official honors. He has always been a devotee of the rod and gun, being as fond of angling as Isaac Walton himself, and as keen a sportsman as ever handled a rifle.

REV. HENRY HARRISON HARTWELL is an esteemed resident of Allenstown, where he has served for a long time as Superintendent of Schools and in other important town offices. He was born in Hillsborough, N.H., October 18, 1819, son of William and Betsey (Wilkins) Hartwell. His grandfather, John Hartwell, was a typical New Hampshire man, strong in mind and body, and respected by all who knew him. John Hartwell taught school in early life. In 1724 he was Highway Surveyor; and in 1757 he was Selectman of Concord, N.H. A member of the State militia, he was Ensign some time previous to 1741. He married Mary, daughter of Job and Mary (Hartwell) Parling, and reared a large family. His son, William, born August 26, 1795, in Hillsborough, besides working at his trade of carpenter, also cultivated a farm. An industrious man and endowed with great bodily strength, William looked for little leisure during his life. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious belief a Methodist. He died April 14, 1861, and his wife died at the age of eighty-four. Eleven children were born to them, two daughters and nine sons. Of these the survivors are: Henry Harrison and Elizabeth J. The latter is the wife of William H. Collins, of Cambridge, Mass., and the mother of three children — Hattie, Herbert, and Annie.

Henry Harrison Hartwell acquired most of his education in his native town. He became a member of the New Hampshire Annual Conference when he was twenty years old, and for a great many years labored as a Methodist pastor in Great Falls, Rochester, New Market, Manchester, Nashua, Lawrence, Portsmouth, and other places. He had been a zealous worker in the Christian vineyard for forty years, when his voice failed, and he was obliged to retire. Afterward he spent four years in California and Nevada, resting and recuperating, and then took up the auction and commission business in Allenstown, in which he is at present engaged. He moved to this place in 1867, and in the thirty years of his residence here he has held the respect of his townsmen. In politics he is independent. He has served in the capacity of Justice of the Peace for twenty years. He has been Tax Collector of Allenstown for a number of years, Superintendent of Schools for eleven years, and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for one year.

Mr. Hartwell was married May 1, 1842, to Flora Ann Swett, of Webster, N.H., who died in September, 1858. She was the mother of four children, of whom Charles H. and Leon I. are living. Charles married Flora Moore, of Lawrence, Mass. Leon has been twice married, and has two children — Harry and Warren W., respectively borne by his first and second wives. His second wife, who is living, was Miss Bertha Wheeler, of Salem, N.H. The Rev. Mr. Hartwell contracted a second marriage April 10, 1861, with Mrs. Sarah Sargeant Hirsch, a daughter of Major Sterling Sargeant. By this union he has one child, Flora A., who is now the wife of Park Mitchell, of Manchester, N.H., and has three children — Emma May, Florence S., and Henry O. Mrs. Hartwell died May 19, 1897, nearly seventy-three years old.

JOHN E. FRENCH, one of the leading men of affairs of Bradford, Merrimack County, was born in this town, February 27, 1843. He is a son of Daniel French, and the grandson of Offin French, an early settler of Bradford.

Offin French was born in South Hampton, N.H., in 1761; and when but a boy he entered

the Revolutionary army, in which he served until the close of the war. At the battle of Bennington he became acquainted with Paskey Pressy, one of the brave soldiers who enlisted from Warner; and after the war was over he came to Bradford, N.H., and, continuing the acquaintance formed on the battlefield, met, wooed, and won as his wife, Susannah, a daughter of Mr. Pressy. After marriage the young couple settled on a farm one-half mile east of Bradford Centre; and here were born and reared their children, thirteen in number. Offin French lived to the age of threescore years and ten; and his wife, who was born some years later than he, died within the remembrance of her grandson, John E., at the age of eighty-seven years.

Daniel French came into possession of the old homestead, and cared for his parents in their declining years. He afterward settled on a place a third of a mile north-east of Bradford, where he farmed for twenty-eight years, removing then to the village, in which he lived until his death in 1867, aged threescore and ten years. His wife survived him, dying in 1876, aged seventy-six years. Her maiden name was Abigail Cressy. She was born in Bradford, and was a daughter of John Cressy, whose father was a soldier in the French and Indian War, and also in the Revolution, probably serving from Bradford. Daniel and Abigail (Cressy) French were the parents of five children, namely: Mary Jane, widow of J. P. Marshall, living at Hawk's Park, Fla.; Ira C., for some years a merchant in Bradford, subsequently engaged in the same line of business in Lansingburg, N.Y., where he died at the age of fifty-seven years; Sabria A., the widow of Frederick Cheney, living in this town; Christina P., the wife of Thomas Little, of Peterboro, N.H.; and John E., the direct subject of this biography.

John E. French lived on the home farm until fifteen years of age, when he came to the village, where he learned the tinner's trade. While serving his apprenticeship of three years, he was given three months' schooling each year, and at the end of the time received two hundred and ten dollars in cash. He followed his trade four years here and in Sutton, and was then engaged in mercantile business in Bradford for seven years, keeping a store well stocked with a general line of hardware, and running eight or ten pedlers' carts. Disposing of his entire stock, he then embarked in the lumber business, buying, in partnership with George W. Tucker, of this place, large tracts of land, often including whole farms, for the sake of the timber, which they manufactured into lumber of all kinds. For ten years Mr. French has been engaged to some extent in settling estates, the last three years of the time making that business a specialty, and in the meantime he has had the guardianship of several minors, insane persons, and others debarred for special reasons from looking after their own interests. He is one of the Directors of the Citizens' National Bank of Newport, N.H., and has a large interest in a sheep ranch in Wyoming. As a loyal and faithful citizen he takes an active interest in public affairs. He has held the office of Selectman; and in 1879 he was a Representative to the State legislature, serving while there on the Mining Committee. He is a sound Democrat, influential in political circles, attending all the county and State conventions, and was one of the ninety that walked out of the State Convention in 1896. He has been a member of the State Committee three terms.

Mr. French was married September 15, 1873, to Miss Emma F. Day, who was born in Orford, N.H., but was reared and educated in

Concord. He was made a Mason in St. Peter's Lodge, F. & A. M., of this town, one of the oldest lodges in the country, and is a member of Woods Chapter, R. A. M., of Henniker, in which he has served in various official capacities. Mr. French is a noted sportsman, and has shot more foxes than any other man in Merrimack County. He is a good marksman, very successful in duck and partridge shooting, and an expert at trout and salmon fishing.

CHARLES E. PUTNEY, a farmer of high standing in Webster, N.H., is a native of that place. He was born June 10, 1827, the son of Stephen and Sallie (Eastman) Putney. His father, who was born February 12, 1765, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving in 1780 and 1781. He afterward purchased the farm where Charles E. now lives, and settled down there. He was married three times, first to Sallie E. Eastman, of Hopkinton, who died in 1809; second to Susan Eastman, who died in September, 1820; and then to Sallie Eastman, who died April 6, 1867, aged seventy-nine years. The three wives were cousins. By the first marriage there were six children — Nelson, Enoch, True, Pluma, Anna, and Stephen. The children of the second marriage were five in number — Clarissa, Sarah, David, Lucy, Azariah; and of the third there were four: Charles Monroe, who died in infancy; Mary Angeline; Charles E.; and Samantha S. Mary A. was born July 6, 1825, and died July 20, 1825. Samantha S., born August 3, 1829, married Dustin Spaulding, now a carpenter in Contoocook, N.H., where they now reside.

Charles E. Putney, the subject of this sketch, received the ordinary education afforded by the common schools, and always lived at home with his parents. After his marriage he took charge of the old homestead, and carried on farming until his retirement a few years ago, when his son, Charles H., became manager of the property. The old farm embraces about one hundred and sixty acres, and Charles H. owns another farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres. Both places are kept well up to the times, and a general farming business is pursued.

Mr. Putney was married December 26, 1850, to Susan C. Sanborn, of Webster, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Coffin) Sanborn, both of Boscawen. She was born October 20, 1830. Her father was a farmer in that place, and in the sledding season he engaged somewhat in drawing lumber. He died August 30, 1887, aged eighty-eight, his wife having died November 26, 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn had ten children; namely, Abbie, Moses, Susan, Emily, John, Ellen, Charles, Sarah, Hannah, and Henry. This large family is now widely separated, as follows: Abbie is in Reading, Mass.; Moses, in Concord; John is deceased; Ellen lives in Wakefield, Mass.; Charles married Jennie Colby, of Salisbury, and lives in Webster, as does also Sarah, who married I. F. Balch, of Lyme, N.H.; Emily lives in Penacook; Hannah, in Chicago; and Henry, in Xenia, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Putney have five children — Ida J., Charles H., John S., Cora E., and Bertha M. Ida J. was born October 24, 1851, and is now a dressmaker in Concord. Charles H. Putney was born February 19, 1853, and is a carpenter by trade, but now has charge of the homestead farm, as stated above, still, however, doing some carpentering. He has been Collector of Taxes for several years, and still holds that position. John S. Putney was born January 27, 1855, and is in the gravel, sand, and cement business in Chicago. He married

Lucile Melton, of St. Louis, Mo.; and they have one child, John S., Jr. Cora E. Putney was born September 28, 1857, and is a successful school teacher, having taught schools in Concord, N.H., and vicinity. Bertha M. was born July 6, 1868, and became the wife of Edward Little, a farmer formerly of Massachusetts, but now living in Webster. They have one child, Gladys Susan. These five children were all given the benefit of the education afforded by the best schools.

Mr. Putney is a Democrat in politics. He has been Justice of the Peace and Prudential School Committee. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church of Webster. He has always been an active, energetic man, has been successful in his life work, and is much respected in the community.

STEPHEN ALDEN TRACY, a well-known resident of Cornish, was born here, October 31, 1833, son of Stephen and Sarah (Alden) Tracy. The family is one of the oldest in this country, and traces its descent to Lieutenant Thomas Tracy, who came from England in 1636 and settled in Connecticut. Lieutenant Tracy was son of Nathaniel and grandson of Richard Tracy, of Stanway, England. Nathaniel's eldest brother was made a baronet by King James I. on June 29, 1611, being the thirteenth of the order created by James. The Tracy coat of arms, in the possession of the family, shows the scallop shell (indicating that some ancestor was a Crusader) between two narrow red bands, and a crest surmounted by a shell between two wings of gold, with the motto, "Memoria Pii Æterna." The line of descent from Lieutenant Tracy is through Thomas, Jr., father of Jeremiah Tracy. Andrew, the next in descent, lived in Lisbon, Conn. He married Ruth Smith, daughter of Captain Elijah Smith, of Barnstable, Mass., and had eleven children. His son Andrew, Jr., born March 17, 1750, who died December 28, 1819, was the first to come to Cornish. This Andrew married Annie Bingham, of Windham, Conn., whose children by him were: Lemuel, Ruth, Lucy, Elias, Stephen, Anna, Andrew, and Jesse. Lemuel, born July 29, 1773, who married Phœbe Parker, had moved to Cornish with his father in 1783; and they were the first settlers of the family in this section. The Tracy homestead, which is one of the oldest houses in the town, was built in 1793. It has since been remodelled; but the solid, oaken timbers are still intact, and strong enough to last another century. Lemuel died in Claremont. Ruth, born March 30, 1775, died unmarried, October 17, 1856. Lucy, born November 4, 1777, died unmarried, April 20, 1824. Elias, born in Lisbon, Conn., January 22, 1780, was a cripple, and supported himself by making gloves. He died June 20, 1850. Anna, the first of the family born in Cornish, died March 1, 1830, aged forty-six years. Andrew, born January 21, 1789, died in Vermont, January 8, 1864. He was a farmer and had quite a family of children. Jesse, born March 21, 1792, died August 30, 1857. He was married and had several children.

Stephen Tracy, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born July 2, 1782, and died at Cornish, October 23, 1865. He was a cabinet-maker, and worked at his trade in Plainfield and in Connecticut. After the death of his father he returned to the homestead, and managed the farm for the remainder of his life. He was a Deacon of the Congregational church. Though interested in public affairs, he never cared for political honors and never held a town office. He first married

Rebecca Tracy, of Lisbon; and she bore him three children — Virginia, Eliza, and Very Ann, all of whom are deceased. His second wife, Betsey Boardman Tracy, who came from Vermont, gave birth to five children — Rebecca, William N., Sabra S., George B., and Jonas B. Rebecca, born August 25, 1818, married Ebenezer Cole, a farmer, and had one child. She died November 16, 1893. William, born May 30, 1820, died in California, August 12, 1894. He married Harriet T. Kelley, a widow, and was a watchman in the office of the State Treasurer at Sacramento for some years. Sabra, born May 23, 1822, died February 6, 1885. She married the Rev. J. B. Ramsey, of Virginia, and was the mother of three children. George B., born March 15, 1826, a soldier in the Civil War, was wounded in the ankle at the battle of the Wilderness, and died at Washington, June 6, 1864, just a month after that. It is related of him, concerning that occasion, that he lay for twenty hours between the battle lines of the two armies, where he was almost covered with the earth ploughed up by cannon balls, and that some Southern soldiers, who held the ground for a space, took away his ammunition. He married Sarah Hibbard, of Cornish. Jonas B., born March 25, 1828, was twice married. His first wife, Ruth M. Wood Tracy, had no children. His second marriage was made with Mrs. Laura A. Stevens, of Wisconsin, who bore him three children. He is Town Treasurer of Milton, Wis., and a popular school teacher of that town. Stephen Tracy's third marriage was contracted with Sarah Alden, a descendant in the seventh generation of John and Priscilla Alden, who came over in the "Mayflower." Born in Lebanon, N.H., November 1, 1790, she died October 14, 1867. Her three children were: Sarah E., born October 10, 1831; Stephen Alden, the subject of this sketch; and Caroline S., born October 8, 1835. Caroline married Charles S. Cahill, a prominent cigar manufacturer of Lowell, Mass., who died in the spring of 1894.

Stephen Alden Tracy received his education in the public schools of Cornish and at Thetford Academy, Vt. After finishing school, he went West and was three years in the lumber districts of Wisconsin. He then returned to Cornish to care for his parents in their old age and to manage the farm. He has always been a prominent figure in the social and political life of the town. In 1875–76 he was a Representative to the legislature; and he was Selectman for five years, being Chairman of the Board for three years. He has also served on the School Board for some years. While in the legislature he was a member of the Committee on Insurance, and he is well informed on all matters pertaining to that subject. He attends the Baptist church of Plainfield, and is a Mason and a prominent member of the grange. Mr. Tracy has been twice married. He first married Emily E. Norris, of Cornish, who died June 19, 1862. His second marriage, which took place August 31, 1865, united him to Agnes Bailey, daughter of John and Eliza Ann Bailey, of Enfield, N.H. She has been the mother of seven children; namely, Franklin B., Emily, Evelyn A., Charles A., Ellen N., William B., and Sarah E. Franklin, born October 15, 1866, and educated at Kimball Academy, is a member of the firm of Stone, Tracy & Co., of Windsor, Vt. He married Ida Stone, daughter of Samuel N. Stone, who is a partner in the business. They have one son — Gordon S., born April 2, 1895. Emily Tracy, born September 12, 1868, who was educated at Kimball Academy, is a teacher at Gorham, this State. Evelyn A., born October 2, 1870, who was educated at Kimball Academy

and at New London, N.H., is also a graduate of the business college at Worcester, Mass. Charles A., born November 16, 1872, is in the Senior class at Dartmouth College. Ellen N., born May 8, 1875, is a teacher of marked ability and success. William B., born October 24, 1877, who was educated at Windsor, Vt., is at home with his father and mother. Sarah E., born April 20, 1881, is a student in the high school at Windsor.

AARON L. BROWN, of North Grantham, the second representative of his family in the ownership of his farm, was born February 1, 1828, son of Jonathan and Mehitable (Stevens) Brown. The family name is well known in every country where the English language is spoken. In America Browns have been prominent statesmen, educators, and soldiers. Jonathan Brown, the great-grandfather of Aaron L., was a patriot soldier of the Revolution. He was the first ancestor of this family to come to this country. His son, Jonathan Brown, Jr., was the first of the family to settle in the town of Grantham. This was nearly one hundred years ago, in the early days of the town. Jonathan, Jr., who was an industrious and well-to-do farmer, took an active interest in the affairs of the town, but never aspired to public office. He married Sarah Quimby; and they had a family of seven children — Jacob, Nancy, Jonathan, Sarah, Aaron, Sanborn, and Lyman. Jacob married in New York State, where he spent the greater part of his life, chiefly occupied in farming. Nancy married Asa Clark, of Grantham, a farmer and carpenter. Sarah became Mrs. David Frye, of Grantham. Aaron, who was a farmer and conducted a grist-mill, lived in Canada. Sanborn was a carpenter and farmer of this town. Lyman lived in Boston during the greater part of his life, and carried on an extensive milk business.

Jonathan Brown, the third bearer of the name and the father of Aaron L., born at Candia, N.H., June 23, 1795, died November 15, 1868. He came to Grantham when two years old, and received his education in the public schools here. After leaving school, he worked on the farm with his father; and upon the death of the latter he took entire charge. As a farmer he was progressive, and as a citizen energetic of the estate. Recognized by his fellow-townsmen as a man of ability, they sent him to the State legislature in 1845 and 1846. He was a member and a steward of the Methodist church. Of his nine children the fourth-born died in infancy, before it was christened. The others were: John N., Orvil C., Aaron L., Sarah A., Sarah A. (second), Jonathan, Arabella A., and Hannah E. John N., born June 11, 1823, who died November 28, 1862, was a storekeeper, and served the town in the capacities of Sheriff and Selectman. He married Eliza Roundy, and had two children — Ann E. and Charles W. Orvil C., born April 27, 1826, had finished his education and had taught school for a short time when he died, January 24, 1853. Sarah A., born May 29, 1830, died October 10, 1832. Sarah A. (second), born October 7, 1833, died in 1851. Jonathan, the fourth bearer of the name, born December 13, 1836, died October 25, 1841. Arabella A., born December 26, 1839, died December 28, 1851; and Hannah E., who was born November 10, 1841, died December 28, 1851.

After receiving his education in the schools of the town Aaron L. Brown stayed on the homestead farm with his father until the death of the latter, when he assumed the management. He was an extensive sheep-raiser until about six years ago, when wool-growing ceased

to be profitable. Since that time he has been engaged in dairy farming. He is one of the leading farmers of the county and closely identified with the public life of the town. He has held the office of Selectman, and he served as legislative Representative in 1872 and 1873. In the legislature he was a member of the Committee on Asylums and Claims. He married Sarah J. Boyce, of Springfield, N.H., who was born July 25, 1832. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had five children, namely: Orvil, born December 8, 1852, who died April 24, 1854; Curtis L., born August 14, 1855, who died September 7, 1857; Mary E., born August 15, 1857, who married Fred A. Leavitt, resides at Henniker, N.H., and has two children — Ethel J. and Curtis B.; Jonathan J., born July 14, 1860, who died September 27, 1862; and Imla S., who was born July 8, 1865. The latter, who lives with his father on the farm, is a worthy representative of the family. He has been Selectman and is prominent in the civil affairs of the town. He married Amy E. Newton, of Acworth, N.H., and has two children: Pearl A., born June 9, 1893; and Harold Aaron, born January 19, 1895. The Browns are eligible for membership in the celebrated society of Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, which embraces on its muster-roll the most distinguished families of New England.

WILLIAM GREGG ANDREWS, a prosperous farmer of Sutton, Merrimack County, N.H., was born July 7, 1834, on the farm upon which he now lives. His father was Nathan Andrews, Jr., a native of Sutton; and his paternal grandfather was Nathan Andrews, Sr., born in Danvers, Mass., in 1767, a son of Samuel Andrews. He came to Merrimack County when a young man, and in 1795 he married Hannah Gregg and at once settled upon a farm at Fishersfield. His wife was a daughter of James and Janet (Collins) Gregg, and, though lame from childhood, was energetic and industrious, and lived to the age of ninety-four, a very bright and interesting old lady. In 1811 Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Andrews, Sr., built a frame house in Sutton, which with other buildings was burned in 1834. They then built a brick house, which was destroyed by fire on August 28, 1890. Mr. Andrews passed to the higher life September 7, 1853. Mrs. Andrews died April 7, 1866.

Their son, Nathan, Jr., was born in Sutton, March 30, 1802, and died March 16, 1883. He married Dolly Sargent Pillsbury, who was born February 16, 1801, and died June 29, 1883. In early years they attended the Congregational church at Bradford Centre, but were later identified with the Baptist church at Bradford Mills Village. Uncle Nathan, as he was called, was a very strict Baptist, very decided in his opinions, and almost Puritanical in his methods of training his family. He was a very well-read man, intelligent and a great student of the Bible as well as of other literature; and his wife, Aunt Dolly, was a most lovable, gentle woman. Mr. Nathan Andrews, Jr., was a very successful farmer, owning his farm over fifty years, and was engaged in general agriculture, besides for many years being a brickmaker.

William Gregg Andrews had one sister — Hannah J., the wife of Hilas Dickey, of Manchester, N.H., who died in 1885; and five brothers, namely: Thomas F. and George H., pioneer merchants of Minneapolis, Minn., the former of whom died in 1891; Captain James G., who died in Memphis, Tenn., in 1882; Frank, who died in childhood; and Horace E., a resident of Memphis, Tenn., where he had

been Clerk of the United States Court for seventeen years.

William G. received his education in the schools of Sutton and at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H. At the age of twenty he began his mercantile life as clerk in a store at Manchester; and two years later he became junior member of the firm of Adams & Andrews, continuing in the grocery business for five years. He and his brother James were engaged in a general mercantile business in Concord, N.H., for seven years, after which Mr. Andrews went to Boston, where he associated himself with S. M. Pennock under the firm name of Pennock & Andrews, wholesale dealers in hops and malt. While in Boston Mr. Andrews incurred those severe physical afflictions which changed the tenor of his life, compelling him to sacrifice the business to which he had devoted the energy of twenty years, and causing him to alter many plans in hopes of restoring his health. A year was spent at Hot Springs, Ark., in vain attempt at a cure of muscular rheumatism. Much time was occupied in efforts to restore failing eyesight.

Although science was powerless to restore health, Mr. Andrews has accomplished, with his disadvantages, more than many in health have tried to do. Returning to Sutton, he built a commodious brick residence on the site of the old house which had been destroyed by fire and in fac-simile of the first one. This he invited his parents to share with him. He then energetically set about improving the old farm, which had much deteriorated. With modern improvements and well-directed efforts the fields are restored to more than former fertility, and a large herd of Jersey and Holstein cows, many of which are registered, have been bred by him, he being the first in town to raise Holstein stock and register the same. The farm, with its excellent appointments, is one of the best and most flourishing in Merrimack County.

In 1866 Mr. Andrews was married to Miss Lucinda J. Currier, in whom he has found a wife of rare energy and beauty of character, remarkable not only for her ability in her home, but for her value in the community. She was born in Manchester, N.H. Her parents were Charles and Eliza W. (Cram) Currier. The former was one of the pioneer cotton manufacturers of Manchester, going there in 1842, and associated until his death, in 1880, with the Amoskeag Mills. Mrs. Currier, a bright old lady of eighty-three years, makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Andrews. The education which Mrs. Andrews received at the Manchester schools was supplemented by a thorough musical training. Since her residence in Sutton she has been especially interested in the schools. She is serving her second term as member of the School Board, and as Chairman she has helped to perform a notable work in elevating the town's schools and in placing them among the best in the State. One of her efforts was the purchase of national flags for the school-houses and the cultivation of patriotism among the scholars. Mrs. Andrews by her musical gifts has also been of benefit to the community as member of the choir of the Bradford church. As wife, mother, hostess, and social leader, she has united with her husband in the improvement of the town and community.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have two sons. The elder, James Currier, is with the Pillsbury & Washburn Flour Mill Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., in the capacity of shipper, leaving college and entering their employ in 1888. While he is devoted to his business, he is also greatly interested in the military affairs of the State. During his service of seven years in

the State militia he has been promoted from private to Sergeant, Treasurer, Lieutenant, and Adjutant of the First Regiment of National Guards of the State of Minnesota, which position he now holds. He was married to Miss Harriet L. Blake, youngest daughter of Edwin W. and Sarah (Gage) Blake, of Manchester, N.H., in 1894. The younger son, Harry Howard, has personal charge of a large business of feed shippers, in which he is associated with his father under the firm name of Andrews & Co., having an office in Guaranty Loan Building in Minneapolis. This firm shipped the first solid train load of bran that was ever exported from the Queen Flour City (Minneapolis), which has resulted in establishing a large export trade of this commodity.

WALTER SARGENT, of Elm Farm, in the town of Warner, N.H., is well known as one of the most skilful, progressive, and successful agriculturists of Merrimack County. He was born December 25, 1837, in Warner Lower Village, a son of Abner and Martha J. (Morrill) Sargent.

He is of English antecedents, tracing his lineage back to Richard Sargent, an English naval officer, whose son William, born in England in 1602, was the emigrant ancestor. He came to New England at an early period, taking with him a family of daughters, who had been left motherless by the death of his first wife, Judith Perkins, and was one of the twelve men who began a settlement at Ipswich, Mass., in 1633. He subsequently helped form settlements in Newbury, Mass., and Hampton, N.H.; and in 1640 he removed to Salisbury, Mass., becoming one of the eighteen original proprietors of that part of Essex County now included within the limits of Amesbury. His second wife, Elizabeth, bore him two sons — Thomas and William. He received several grants of land, and in 1667 was one of the Selectmen of the town. He continued his residence in Amesbury until his death in 1675.

The line was continued through his son Thomas, who was born June 11, 1643, and married Rachel Barnes. Their son, Thomas, Jr., born November 15, 1676, was the father of Stephen Sargent, who was born September 14, 1710, married Judith Ordway, of West Newbury, Mass., September 26, 1730, and was made Deacon of the Second Congregational Church of Amesbury, May 10, 1757. Deacon Sargent and his wife, Judith, reared fourteen children, ten of them being sons. Four of these — Amasa, Ezekiel, Thomas, and Moses — spent their entire lives in their native town. A fifth, James, established a home in Methuen, Mass.; and the other five — Peter, Nathan, Stephen (second), Abner, and Ebenezer — came to Merrimack County, New Hampshire, the first three locating in Hopkinton, and the other two in Warner. Abner married Sarah Rowell, and settled on Burnt Hill, where his son Stephen, third, who married Betsey Currier, of Warner, was born and reared. One of their children was Abner, the father of Walter Sargent, of Warner. Abner Sargent grew to manhood in this town, and was for many years engaged as a merchant in Warner Lower Village, in partnership with Thomas Bartlett. He subsequently disposed of his interest in the business, and bought a farm in what was then Boscawen, but is now Webster, where he resided until 1866, when he purchased a farm, on which his son Walter now lives; and here he died.

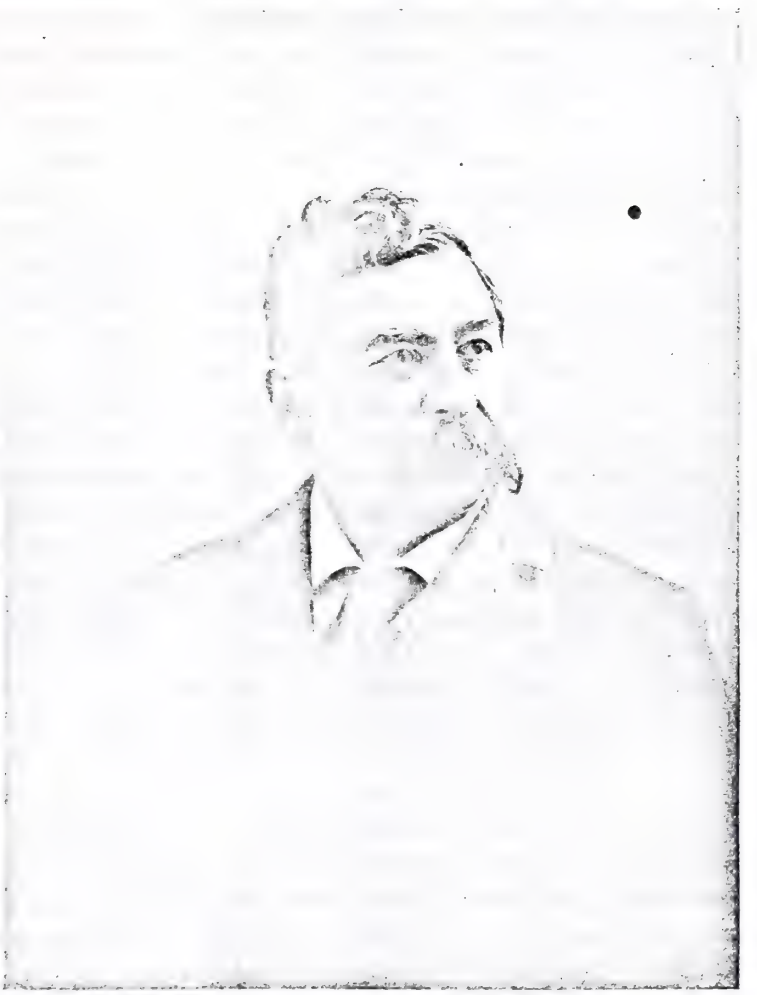
Walter Sargent was brought up to farm life, having been but two years of age when his parents removed to Boscawen. He was a bright scholar, quick to learn and eager to

acquire a good education, which he obtained at the district school and in the academies of Salisbury, Hopkinton, Franklin, and Contoocook. He afterward taught school a few terms, meeting with success as instructor, and winning the lifelong friendship of his pupils. A part of each year he assisted on the farm, and also worked at the carpenter's trade, gaining a knowledge and experience that have since proved of inestimable value to him. In 1863 Mr. Sargent married Miss Addie C. Morrill, daughter of Captain Samuel Morrill, of Andover; and for a few years after that event he had charge of his father-in-law's farm. In 1867 he returned to his birthplace, settling on the farm where he now resides. He has made substantial improvements on the place, entirely remodelling and repairing the buildings, and, having purchased other land, has now about two hundred and fifty acres, one of the most attractive and valuable farming estates in this part of the county. He carries on all branches of farming, raising much stock, breeding Delaine Merino sheep, and has a fine dairy of Guernsey and Jersey cattle. He makes butter, which he sells to regular customers, giving the skim milk to the hogs, which thrive under his care. He raises all the corn needed for feed, finding it cheaper than to buy, even at the present low prices, his crop averaging from two to three hundred bushels annually. He is very systematic in all his work, and for more than thirty years has kept an account of his cash receipts and expenses in his diary.

Mr. Sargent takes great interest in local affairs, and has served with credit as a member of the School Board for three years, and for two years as one of the Selectmen of Warner. Until his hearing became impaired, he was an active worker in local, county, and State granges, having been made a member of Warner Grange, with which he is still connected, in 1877; and he was Secretary of Merrimack County Council, P. of H.; and of the Merrimack County Grange from the time of its organization until compelled to retire from office on account of this infirmity.

Mr. Sargent's first wife died in 1873, leaving two sons, namely: Frank H., Assistant Postmaster at Harriman, Tenn.; and George H., who was for several years city editor of the St. Paul (Minn.) *Pioneer Press*, and is now on the editorial staff of the Boston *Transcript*. On October 3, 1877, Mr. Sargent married Mrs. Fannie A. Fellows Shaw, daughter of Deacon Richard Fellows, of Salisbury. She presides over his household with a grace and dignity very attractive to their many warm friends, their pleasant home at Elm Farm being the abode of generous hospitality. For some years Mr. and Mrs. Sargent threw open their doors during the summer seasons, as a place of rest and recreation, to boarders from the city; but the labor connected therewith proved too arduous, and they now entertain only their more intimate friends and kinsfolk.

HON. GEORGE PEABODY LITTLE is an influential citizen of Pembroke, N.H. In his veins flows the blood of two old and reputable New England families, the Littles of Newbury, Mass., and the Peabodys of Danvers, the famous banker and philanthropist, George Peabody, having been his kinsman. Mr. Little was born in Pembroke, N.Y., June 20, 1834, a son of Dr. Elbridge G. and Sophronia Phelps (Peabody) Little. He is of the eighth generation of Littles in this country, tracing his descent from George Little, who settled in old Newbury, Mass., in 1640 or soon after. George Little was a tailor by trade, and, like most of



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the early colonists, engaged in farming also. In 1650 he bought the freehold right in Newbury of John Osgood, Sr.; and he subsequently made many other purchases of land. The date of his death is uncertain, but is probably 1693 or 1694. He married first Alice Poor, who came from England in 1638. She died December 1, 1680, aged sixty-two. She was the mother of all his children, five in number. His second wife, Eleanor, widow of Thomas Barnard, of Amesbury, Mass., survived him, dying November 27, 1694.

Joseph, the second child and eldest son of George and Alice (Poor) Little, is next in line of descent. He was born in Newbury, September 22, 1653, and was a permanent resident of the part of the town now called Newburyport from 1700 to the time of his death. A very prominent and active citizen, he held most of the offices within the gift of the town. He attained the advanced age of eighty-seven. On October 31, 1677, he was married to Mary, daughter of Tristram Coffin and his wife, Judith, widow of Henry Somerby, and daughter of Captain Edmund Greenleaf. She was born November 12, 1657, and died November 28, 1725. Joseph Little and his wife were active members of the Congregational Church of Newbury. They were the parents of nine children. Enoch, the fifth child, was born in Newbury, December 9, 1685. He was one of the first settlers in West Newbury, locating there about 1708, and clearing a large tract of land. He died April 28, 1766. Enoch Little was married May 19, 1707, to Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Webster) Worth. She was born August 17, 1688, and died September 20, 1766. This couple were the parents of seven children, the fourth child, Edmund, being the great-great-grandfather of George P. Little. Edmund Little was born in West Newbury, September 5, 1715, and died August 29, 1803. He was married March 18, 1736, to Judith, daughter of Dr. Matthew and Sarah (Knight) Adams. She was born April 2, 1716, and died September 7, 1784. His second wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon John Noyes, of Newbury, and widow of Captain James Smith. She died September 22, 1817, aged eighty-six. By his first wife Edmund Little had ten children, Enoch, second, the Hon. George P. Little's great-grandfather, being the fifth. Enoch Little, second, was born June 7, 1748. He was a farmer of West Newbury, and died there August 15, 1820. His wife, Mary, daughter of Ezekiel and Mary (Sargent) Hale, died at the age of sixty-nine. They were the parents of three children. Enoch, third, the elder son, who was born May 11, 1773, was the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He, too, was a farmer of West Newbury, and died there, March 23, 1816. On September 15, 1796, he was united in marriage with Mary Brickett, who was born May 12, 1771, and died September 12, 1855. They had a family of four children, Elbridge G. being the youngest.

Elbridge G. Little was born August 5, 1807. He obtained his preliminary education at Exeter, N.H., and graduated from the Medical College at Cleveland, Ohio. He attained eminence in his profession, and in New Lisbon, Wis., where his last years were passed, he was one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens. His wife, who was born November 4, 1809, was a daughter of Thomas and Judith (Dodge) Peabody, of the part of old Danvers, Mass., now known as Peabody. She was a sister of George Peabody, the wealthy and benevolent banker, who died in London, and who bequeathed to her son, George Peabody Little, a portion of his vast wealth. Six children were born to Dr. and

Mrs. Little, three of whom are living: George P.; Allen F., who was born August 12, 1838; and Henry C., who was born March 31, 1842.

George Peabody Little was educated in the academy in Lewiston, N.Y., Pembroke Academy of Pembroke, N.H., and the gymnasium and military institute here, a branch of the Norwich Military Academy of Vermont. He taught school for one term in Pembroke, N.H., when he was eighteen years old, and the following year went to Portland, Me., where he was engaged in mercantile business some six years. The ten years ensuing he managed a photograph studio at Palmyra, N.Y., having taken a fancy to chemicals and cameras. Returning then to Pembroke, N.H., he purchased his present homestead, and turned his attention to general farming and cattle breeding. In 1868 he erected a handsome residence, a spacious barn, and other buildings. Mr. Little has about two hundred and twenty-five acres of land in the home farm, and owns other farms and wood land aggregating about eight hundred acres. He was for a number of years extensively engaged in breeding registered Jersey cattle and blooded horses, but is now practically retired. He was one of the organizers of the Suncook Valley Creamery, of which he is at present Treasurer.

Mr. Little was married August 22, 1854, to Elizabeth A., daughter of Daniel McClintock Knox, of Pembroke. Six of the seven children who blessed their union are now living. The eldest, the Hon. Clarence B. Little, was educated for the bar. He now resides in Bismarck, N.Dak., is President of the First National Bank of that city, and has been Chairman of the Judiciary Committee in the State Senate ever since North Dakota's admission as a State. He married a cousin, Caroline G. Little, and has two children — Viroque M. and George P. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Little are: Mary G., wife of James E. Odlin, of Lynn, Mass., and mother of three children — Margaret, Elizabeth, and Christiana; Elizabeth E., wife of L. F. Thurber, of Nashua, N.H., and mother of two children — George F. and Dorothy; Nettie K., wife of Frank S. Shepard of Concord, N.H.; Lucy B., unmarried; and Clara F., wife of Harmon F. Salt, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. Little is an active and esteemed member of the Republican party. While living in New York State, he served as Deputy United States Internal Revenue Collector. In Pembroke he has filled the office of Town Treasurer for several years, and was on the Board of Selectmen three years; and he represented this district in the State legislature in 1876, 1877, 1890, and 1891. He was Treasurer of Merrimack County four years, and was a delegate to the last Constitutional Convention. A member of the Historical Society of Concord, N.H., he has been on the Board of Trustees of Pembroke Academy for the past twenty-five years, and is at present Chairman of the Executive Committee and Secretary of the Board of Trustees. He has taken thirty-two degrees in Masonry, is a prominent Knight Templar, and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Little is a Deacon of the Congregational church, of which his wife also is a member.

HENRY BATCHELDER, a well-to-do farmer of Sunapee, was born here, January 17, 1843, son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Trask) Batchelder, both natives of Beverly, Mass. His grandfather, Zachariah Batchelder, a shoemaker by trade, was an early settler of Sunapee. Both Zachariah and his wife died in that town. Nathaniel, who came

here when a mere boy, was a well-known farmer of the town, and owned a valuable piece of property. A man of very positive opinions, he was the only Whig in Sunapee for several years; and he voted the ticket alone. Active in religious work, he was an esteemed member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Newport. He died in Sunapee at the age of eighty-six. His wife lived to the age of ninety-two years. They had six children, three of whom are now living. Those deceased are: Ellen, who died in infancy; Nathaniel, who died in the Civil War; and Zachariah, who reached the age of ten years. The eldest of the living children, Mrs. Mary R. Sleeper, is the wife of B. R. Sleeper, with whom she lives on the old Batchelder farm in Sunapee. Alfred T. Batchelder, the other surviving son, is a lawyer of Keene, N.H.

Henry Batchelder grew up in his native town, receiving his education in the common schools and at New London Academy. He has been chiefly engaged in farming. Until recently he owned an interest in the old home farm. He sold out this interest, and purchased another place in Sunapee, containing one hundred and fifty acres, where he has since carried on general farming. He has also discharged the duties of station agent on the Concord Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad since 1874 with painstaking care and fidelity, winning the confidence of both his employers and the public. A record of twenty-three years is one that any man can be proud of. Mr. Batchelder's residence is an excellent one. At this writing he is actively engaged in making some special improvements on his farm. The place is on the way to a rank among the superior farms of the locality. He aims to put into practice the most advanced ideas of the times, and spares no pains or expense to secure the best results. He has on the farm some very good specimens of live stock, although he makes no specialty of stock-raising or dairying. Both he and his wife are liberal in their religious views. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Batchelder was married December 25, 1879, to Fanny T. Angell, daughter of Mervin and Lemira Angell. Mr. Angell belonged to an old family in Sunapee. Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder have had six children, of whom Nathaniel died at the age of nine months. Those living are: Alice M., born May 10, 1881; Ethel K., born August 17, 1884; Lizzie T., born September 15, 1887; Alfred T., born December 25, 1890; and Leland H., born August 27, 1893.

GEORGE WHITEFIELD ABBOTT, of Penacook, President of the J. E. Symonds Table Company, cabinet-makers, was born in West Boscawen, now Webster, N.H., on March 13, 1837. His parents were Nathaniel and Mary (Fitts) Abbott, the former a resident of West Boscawen and the latter of Sandown, N.H.

George W. Abbott in his youth, after attending the public schools of Warner, completed his education at a private academy in West Salisbury, N.H. He went immediately to Boston, Mass., where he was employed as a clerk until 1861, when he came to Penacook, N.H., to engage in the grocery business with his brother, under the firm name of H. & G. W. Abbott. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Seventh New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, going directly to St. Augustine, Fla., remaining until May, 1863. From that city he went to Morris Island, South Carolina, being engaged all summer at Forts Wagner, Gregg, and Sumter. He then went to St. Helena, S.C.; and in February, 1864,

he joined an expedition under General Truman Seymour, the objective point of which was Lake City, Fla. Severely wounded at the battle of Olustee, Fla., on February 20, he was obliged to stay in the hospital until April, 1865, shortly before the close of the war. Later he was returned to his regiment, and mustered out at Goldsboro, N.C., in June, 1865. Mr. Abbott then returned to Penacook, and engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1882, when he formed a copartnership with Mr. J. E. Symonds, for the manufacture of furniture, making a specialty of tables, desks, etc., their plant being one of the largest of the kind in New England. The J. E. Symonds Company has recently become a corporation, with G. W. Abbott as President, under the name of J. E. Symonds Table Company.

Besides his regular business Mr. Abbott officiates as President of the Penacook Electric Light Company and Director of New Hampshire Fruit Company, the Concord Street Railway Company, the Sullivan County Railroad, and of the First National Bank of Concord. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. In 1892 he was a Presidential Elector, and in 1895 and 1896 he was a Representative to the State legislature.

Mr. Abbott was first married on August 15, 1865, to Myra Tucker, of Boston, who died after giving birth to one child. The child died also. He was again married on December 14, 1869, to Mrs. Addie Morrill Batchelder, of Penacook. By this alliance there is one child, Myra M. Abbott. Mr. Abbott is a Mason and a comrade of the Grand Army. He also belongs to William I. Brown Post, G. A. R., No. 31, of Penacook, N.H. His Masonic record given below, dated Concord, N.H., July 1, 1897, is from the pen of the recorder, John F. Webster: George Whitefield Abbott, born at Webster (West Boscawen), N.H., March 13, 1837, took the degrees in Horace Chase Lodge, Penacook (Fisherville), N.H.—E. A., March 3, 1871, F. C., April 4, 1871, M. M., May 12, 1871; Trinity Chapter, Concord, N.H.—Mark, February 17, 1880, Past, February 17, 1880, M. E., April 20, 1880, R. A., April 22, 1880; Horace Chase Council, Concord, N.H.—Royal, April 25, 1892, Select, January 26, 1893, Super Ex., January 26, 1893; Orders of Knighthood in Mount Horeb Commandery, Knights Templar, Concord, N.H.—Red Cross, May 31, 1880, Temple, June 7, 1880, Malta, June 7, 1880.

JOHN M. FLETCHER, a prominent and successful dentist of the city of Concord, N.H., was born in Canterbury, N.H., July 24, 1832. He is the son of John and Nancy (St. Clair) Fletcher.

His grandfather, John Fletcher, Sr., was a native of Dunstable, Mass., born January 25, 1770. He removed to Loudon, N.H., and there spent his remaining years as an agriculturist, dying December 15, 1853. He was fortunate in choosing his partner for life, a lady of high moral worth as well as of great natural ability, a conscientious Christian, a devoted mother, and a loving wife. Her maiden name was Betsey Morrill; and she was born October 2, 1772, in Gilmanton, N.H., and died June 18, 1851. The result of this union was a family of fourteen children, consisting of eight sons and six daughters. Eleven of these he lived to see prosperous and happily located in business.

John Fletcher, Jr., the father of the subject of our sketch, was born in Loudon, N.H., March 16, 1795, and chose as his occupation for a livelihood the tilling of the soil and the levelling of the forest. In the year 1822, March 26, he was united in marriage to Miss

Nancy St. Clair, who was born October 12, 1799, the youngest daughter of Noah St. Clair. They spent four years in Loudon and Concord, respectively, but finally, in 1826, purchased and located on the St. Clair homestead. From time to time he augmented his original purchase by buying additional land until his estate covered nearly two hundred acres. He was a man of high character, and universally respected and beloved by the community in whose midst he passed a long and busy life. In religious matters he accepted the tenets held by the Free Will Baptist denomination, and was an active member of the same. As a result of the matrimonial union there were four children born, three sons and one daughter.

Noah St. Clair, the grandfather of Dr. Fletcher on the maternal side, was a native of Epping, N.H., born February 20, 1755. He married Miss Lavina Gault, of Canterbury, N.H., who was born April 27, 1758. In the year 1798 he purchased a farm in Canterbury, N.H., where he resided until his decease in 1821, March 15. His wife survived him, living until January 10, 1828. They were the parents of ten children, five sons and five daughters, namely: Betsy St. Clair, born January 3, 1782; James St. Clair, born April 2, 1784; William St. Clair, born January 21, 1786; Sally St. Clair, born March 7, 1788; John St. Clair, born June 1, 1790; Polly St. Clair, born July 22, 1792; Noah St. Clair, born October 26, 1794; Abigail St. Clair, born March 10, 1797; Nancy St. Clair, born October 2, 1799; Winthrop St. Clair, born May 7, 1802. Grandfather and Grandmother St. Clair were members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Canterbury, N.H., he being the leader of the choir. Their children were many of them musicians; and one, William St. Clair, was a teacher of music. They were a family of true patriots; and the father and two sons, John and William, quickly responded when the cry of "To arms" came in 1812. Noah St. Clair enlisted as a drum major, and the sons shouldered the musket. He was severely wounded, and both sons were sacrificed. In the year 1814 he returned to his home in Canterbury.

John M. Fletcher received his education in the public school of the adjoining town of Loudon. At the close of his school-days we find him possessed of a natural inclination to become a dentist. He did not then, however, have the means to proceed in the study of his chosen profession; and, August 1, 1850, he entered the employment of L. Downing & Sons, coach builders, of Concord, with whom he remained for a term of years. He also had a natural taste for music, which he had cultivated, and during his residence in Concord at that time was engaged for several years as a leading tenor at the North Congregational Church. These were busy times for the young man; for he also during his leisure hours devoted himself to the study of anatomy and physiology, besides which he occasionally gave his attention to ornithology and taxidermy in the way of recreation.

He continued in the carriage business until the breaking out of the Civil War, soon after which he entered the office of Hiram Hill, D.D.S., of Manchester, N.H., where he remained for a time, and afterward engaged at a salary with Chester Heath, D.D.S., of the same city. During his studentship he was engaged as a leading tenor at the Lowell Street Universalist Church; also during his leisure hours he was employed as a taxidermist by a gentleman by the name of Stark in West Manchester, who was the proprietor of a zoölogical garden, and by whom he was favored with liberal contributions for services ren-

dered, a large collection of stuffed birds and animals being the result. But the burning of so much midnight gas soon began to tell seriously upon his health, and he was obliged to abandon business for a time. Upon leaving Manchester he spent a few pleasant weeks with friends in East Concord, N. H. He also spent two years in Loudon, N.H., in the office of Dr. W. S. Collins, a celebrated doctor of medicine. With health restored, he began to search for a place to locate for the practice of his profession, and received a call from Bradford, N.H., where he located happily. While there he made a collection of some two hundred specimens of our native birds, which he mounted during his leisure moments. In this he was assisted very much by the late Dr. C. M. Fiske, an enthusiast on the subject.

The happiest days of Dr. Fletcher's life were spent during his six years' stay in Bradford. But there came an unavoidable interruption in this rural felicity. Informed by the United States mail one day that his presence at the old homestead was very desirable, he soon put in an appearance at that place; and as a result of the interview he returned to Bradford, closed up business, and removed to Franklin, N.H., where he could be in closer communication with his parents as long as they lived. His mother died May 24, 1875; his father, April 23, 1876. In the meantime, Dr. Fletcher having acquired the possession of real estate in the city of Concord, he located here for the practice of his profession in 1879, and finally purchased his present residence at the corner of South and Perley Streets.

On July 3, 1854, he was united in marriage with Lucy A. Adams, a daughter of Zenas and Lydia (Baker) Adams, of Pembroke, N.H. Her father was a soldier in the War of 1812. She was born May 28, 1832, and was a graduate of the Pembroke Academy. On September 29, 1855, a daughter was born, Lizzie E. Fletcher. She was educated in the public schools. She also received special instruction in music, being a pupil of L. W. Wheeler, of Boston, Mass. During her musical career she gave some attention to teaching both vocal and instrumental music, and sang at several churches, and at times took part in the exercises at concerts and conventions. In the winter of 1882, February 17, the Doctor's wife was stricken with apoplexy, and passed away instantly, leaving the domestic administration to the daughter, when gradually her song lost its wonted glee, and the dark rust found an abiding-place within her piano. The pictures of the lost one still hang upon the wall and rest upon the mantel-piece, pleasant to behold; but there are no kind and affectionate words escaping those lips, as of yore, or laying on of those soft and soothing hands when pain and anguish wring the brow. The sunshine of the home has been dimmed, and the cloud still lingers, its shadow resting on the vacant chair; yet there are kind hearts and willing hands beneath the parent roof, and consequently it is a home, and a sweet home, to those that dwell therein.

Since Dr. Fletcher became a resident of this city he has obtained letters patent on several inventions, on which he has realized quite liberally, one of them, a fountain cuspidor, being esteemed by competent judges the most perfect fulfilment of its especial design and purpose ever invented. Wishing to place his ornithological collection where it would be the best appreciated and most useful, he gave it to the Concord High School, which it now adorns.

In politics Dr. Fletcher has ever been a Republican. His first Presidential vote was cast for John C. Fremont. His religious

views are eclectic. On his arrival in Concord in February, 1879, he located in State Block, corner of North Main and School Streets, where we shall take our leave of him.

JONATHAN AREY, a well-known resident and a retired blacksmith of Salisbury, was born January 28, 1816, on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in the town of Wellfleet, son of Solomon and Patty (Hopkins) Arey. The father, also a native of Wellfleet, born March 12, 1787, lived there until 1830, working at his trade, that of carpenter and joiner. In 1830 he moved to Boscawen, N.H., and there settled on a farm, which he conducted until his death in 1846. His wife, who was born in Eastham, Mass., February 20, 1789, died April 14, 1863. They had twelve children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the only survivor. They were: Priscilla B., Sarah, Nathaniel H., Jonathan, Solomon, Nancy W., Elisha H., Catherine W., Isaiah H., Mary Ann, Happa W., and Martha J.

Jonathan Arey received his education in the common schools of Wellfleet, Mass., and Boscawen, and at Pembroke Academy. He remained at home until seventeen years old, when he began to work at the blacksmith's trade with William Temple, of Boscawen, in whose employment he remained for three years. After this he worked at his trade for six months in Franklin, and then came to Salisbury. On September 4, 1839, Mr. Arey married Miss Charlotte H. Smith, of Salisbury, daughter of Caleb and Mehitable (Eaton) Smith. She died March 9, 1865; and in the following year Mr. Arey was married a second time to Mrs. Mary S. Pevare, daughter of Deacon Amos and Hannah (Sherburne) Fifield, of Danbury. She died March 4, 1890. Mr. Arey's third marriage was contracted with Mrs. Addie J. (White) Davis, of Wilmot. She was born May 23, 1840, daughter of Eben and Judith (Emery) White, who owned a farm in Wilmot. Her grandfather Emery was a Revolutionary soldier, and he attained the age of ninety-nine years. Mr. Arey's children, all by his first marriage, were: Susan Elizabeth, Lucy Ann, Henry, and Charlotte Augusta. Susan Elizabeth is the wife of Moses Trussell, a merchant of Davisville. The others are now deceased. Georgia H. Davis, Mrs. Arey's daughter by her first marriage, is now the wife of Brinton Cate, of Concord, a painter by trade, now employed as a fireman.

Here for fifty years Mr. Arey carried on the smithy that stands opposite his home, working from twelve to sixteen hours daily. Often he worked all night, shoeing horses for teams employed in carrying goods from Boston to Vermont. He owns a farm of about nine acres, together with an orchard, a pasture, and some uncultivated land. He has always done some farming and gardening. Since he took the place he has much improved it, and now raises considerable fruit. Mr. Arey has not been sick a day since he was fourteen. His good health is, no doubt, due largely to the fact that he has been always a temperate man. He is well known and liked by the community for miles around. He has been Selectman of the town for five years, and was Chairman two years of that time. In politics he was first a Whig and then a Republican. Later he voted the Democratic ticket. Now he is an Independent, believing in voting for the best man every time. Mrs. Arey is a member of the Free Baptist Church of Concord, N. H.

Among a number of interesting relics carefully preserved by the family is the chair of Grandfather John Hopkins, who was a Revolu-

tionary soldier. This chair has been in the family for one hundred and fifty years. There is also a mirror over a hundred years old, and a primitive foot-stove; while Mrs. Arey has a century-old flat-iron, which was formerly owned by her grandmother.

FRED MOULTON, a leading resident of Plainfield and the proprietor of a large grocery store at Lebanon, was born July 11, 1836, in Plainfield, son of Stephen R. and Sally (Noyes) Moulton. The Moultons have had representatives in Plainfield for four generations, men who have been prominent in the development of the town and closely identified with all the important events in its history. The first of the name to settle here was William, grandfather of Mr. Fred Moulton, who took up land, and cleared a farm, which is still in the possession of his descendants. Known from the first as a man of absolute integrity, he had the respect of his fellow-townsmen. He served in all the important town offices with signal credit. He was twice married, and had in all nine children. The children of his second marriage were: William, who was a farmer in Cicero, N.Y., and recently died; Emery, now a cooper and prosperous farmer of Cicero, N.Y.; Mirrick, now deceased, who was a wealthy farmer of the same place; Samuel C., who was a very prominent citizen of Plainfield, was twice married, had three children, and died in the West; Jane, who became Mrs. William Wright, of New York; and Sally, now the wife of Daniel Noyes, of Plaistow, this State.

Stephen R. Moulton, who was born May 8, 1805, became very prominent in the affairs of the town, serving it efficiently in various public capacities. In early life he was a teacher. He owned a large farm in East Plainfield, comprising the land of three estates. Besides raising cattle and carrying on general farming, he kept a general merchandise store in partnership with Mr. Morgan. He held a high place in the regard of his fellow-townsmen. His wife, Sally, was born May 28, 1813. Besides a daughter that died in infancy, their children were: Fred, Darius Noyes, Joseph S., and Ella M. The biography of Darius, who is one of the most influential men of Plainfield to-day, will be found on another page of this volume. Ella, who became Mrs. George Doty, of Meriden, and the mother of Lena M. and George F. Doty, Jr., died May 30, 1890. Joseph S., born April 13, 1851, after graduating at Kimball Union Academy, entered Dartmouth College at Hanover and later Andover Theological Seminary. He is now a Unitarian clergyman, located at Stowe, Mass.

Fred Moulton was sent to the town schools and later to Kimball Union Academy, which has fitted so many men and women to hold positions of responsibility and honor in life. After finishing school he went to Haverhill, Mass., and engaged in the grocery business. He had been there four years when he returned to Plainfield, bought a farm, and settled permanently on it. He has extensively engaged in raising poultry; and he conducts a large store at Lebanon, having a flourishing trade with the surrounding towns. Mr. Moulton has taken an active interest in town affairs, and has served the community in the capacities of Selectman, legislative Representative, and others of minor importance. In the legislature he was on the Committee on Banks. He was also a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1876. He married Arabell Rowell, of Plainfield, N.H., who was born December 22, 1836. Their son, Elmer, who was born February 23, 1861, and now manages the home farm, married Emma Eaton, and has

one son, Fred A., who is the first representative of the fifth generation of the Moulton family in Plainfield.

CAPTAIN JOHN L. KELLEY, proprietor of Maplewood Farm, Franklin, and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, is a native of Gilmanton, Belknap County. He was born September 19, 1824, his parents being Daniel and Sally (Weeks) Kelley, the former a native of Gilmanton and the latter of Gilford.

Daniel Kelley carried on a farm in his native town until 1866, when he moved to Franklin, where he resided for the rest of his life. He was the father of six children, as follows: Betsey M., born June 3, 1813, who died April 18, 1895; Sara, born June 11, 1815, died October 18, 1878; Mary Ann, born April 11, 1817; Ellen W., born October 28, 1821, who married William Bell, and died March 16, 1862; John L., the subject of this sketch; and Daniel W., who died in infancy. Mary Ann Kelley has been twice married, and her first husband was John S. Durrell. She married for her second husband Challis Sargent, of Tilton, and is now residing in Lisbon, N.H.

John L. Kelley grew to manhood and acquired his education in Gilmanton, and since leaving school has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. The farm he now cultivates consists of three hundred acres, and is one of the most desirable pieces of agricultural property in this part of the county. Truck farming is carried on quite extensively, as well as stock-raising; but Maplewood Farm is especially noted for its excellent milk, and two wagons are required to supply the regular customers in Franklin Falls. On the premises is a fine greenhouse, where flowering plants receive their share of attention. In addition to all this the proprietor of Maplewood Farm has been interested in real estate business, and has erected several buildings in Franklin Falls and vicinity.

On October 24, 1847, Captain Kelley was united in marriage with Susan J. Drew, who was born in Alton, N.H., September 5, 1823, daughter of Joseph and Leah (Jones) Drew. Mrs. Kelley is the mother of six children, namely: Emily Bird, born November 9, 1850; Olin J., born December 4, 1852, who was fitted for college at Tilton; Charles Hazen, born April 21, 1856; Elmer D., born November 7, 1861; Nellie B., born September 2, 1863; and John Irving, born June 2, 1870. Emily Bird Kelley was married November 28, 1876, to the Rev. J. W. Walker, a Methodist preacher, who was formerly Presiding Elder of the Iowa Conference, and now resides in Rock Rapids, Ia. Olin J. Kelley is now engaged in farming with his father. On January 29, 1879, he married Mary Elizabeth Walker, who was born in Brampton, Ont., August 17, 1857. They have four children — Herbert Lester, Irene Susan, Arthur O., and Mary Evelyn. Charles Hazen Kelley fitted for college at Tilton, graduated from the Boston University Law School, and is now a prominent attorney in Forest City, Ia. He married Florence Clark, of Rockford, Ill. Elmer D. Kelley, who is a graduate of the New Hampshire College, is now residing on the homestead in Franklin, giving his attention largely to the greenhouses. He has served on the Board of Assessors, and is now a member of the City Council. On July 13, 1886, he married Emma E. Ingalls, who was born in Walden, Vt., March 23, 1861, daughter of Perley and Lovina Ingalls. Her mother, now a widow, makes her home with them. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Kelley have

four children: Florence W.; Marion A.; Louise; and an infant daughter, of whose name we have not been advised. Nellie B. Kelley married Ziba A. Norris, of the grocery firm of Norris Brothers, 1677 Washington Street, Boston. John Irving Kelley is now a prosperous farmer of Franklin.

Politically, Captain Kelley is a Republican, and for many years was active in public affairs. He has served in various town offices, and he represented the district in the legislature in 1864 and 1865. He is connected with the United Order of the Pilgrim Fathers, was one of the organizers of the grange, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was formerly interested in military affairs, and at one time was in command of a well-drilled company.

CAPTAIN ELEAZAR L. SARSONS, a well-known resident of Acworth and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Lyme, N.H., August 9, 1836, son of Leon and Flora Ella (Prue) Sarsons. His father, who was born in France in the year 1800, emigrated to Canada in 1828, and in 1834 moved to Sheffield, Vt. He was a shoemaker by trade, and followed this handicraft in connection with farming for some time. He later plied his calling in Lyme, N.H., and other places; and in 1871 he came to Acworth, where he spent the rest of his life. He married Flora Ella Prue, who was born in Canada in 1815. They became the parents of ten children, as follows: Mary; Elinore; Eleazar L., the subject of this sketch; Flora, who was born in 1834, and died in Wheelock, Vt., in 1841; Adeline; Marguerite; William H.; George W., who died in Pennsylvania, December 6, 1880; Ella, born in Barre, Vt., in April, 1852; and Charles, who was born in Orange, Vt., in 1860, and died in 1868. Mary Sarsons became the wife of Henry Townes, of Lake Village, N.H. Her husband died July 1, 1896; and she is now residing in Nashua, N.H. Elinore married George W. Newell, of Nashua, and died May 3, 1889. Adeline married John Williams. Marguerite, who married John Clark, died June 28, 1880. William H., who married Clara Barton, died in Kansas, January 6, 1881. Ella is the widow of Ora C. Smith, late of Acworth, N.H., who died February 1, 1897. Leon Sarsons died June 17, 1888, having survived his wife, who died February 12, 1885, a little more than three years.

Eleazar L. Sarsons in his boyhood attended school in Barre, Vt. At the age of nineteen he went to Oshkosh, Wis., where he was engaged in the lumber business a short time; and upon his return East he settled in Nashua. On May 2, 1861, he joined Company E, First Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel M. W. Tappin and Captain A. S. Edgerly. He remained with his regiment until August 9 of that year, when he re-enlisted in the Fourth New Hampshire Regiment, and on September 20 was assigned to duty in Company C, under Captain Gilman E. Sleeper. He served from the outbreak until the close of the war for the Union, in which he took part in many of the most notable and decisive battles. Mr. Sarsons was made a Sergeant on September 25, 1861, and was appointed First Sergeant, May 1, 1863. On May 20, 1864, he was taken prisoner, and during his captivity of seven months was confined in Petersburg, Andersonville, Charleston, and Florence. Continued exposure brought on a severe illness, which he was obliged to endure without medical aid; and after his release he was confined to the hospital at Annapolis, Md., with an attack of fever,

which resulted in a seyere deafness. He was given a furlough of sixty days in which to recuperate; and he afterward rejoined his regiment at Raleigh, N.C. He was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, February 17, 1865, was commissioned Captain June 2, and mustered out as such in Concord, September 2 of the same year. His experience while in the army was one of unusual activity, much of the time being spent in service at the front; and his war record is a most honorable one. In 1867 Captain Sarsons purchased the farm of two hundred acres, where he now resides. His property is well improved. He carries on general farming energetically, is interested in breeding horses, and raises sheep and cattle.

On November 3, 1857, Captain Sarsons married for his first wife Emeline H. Campbell, of Nashua. She died June 8, 1871, leaving three children, namely: Adelbert E., born September 3, 1858; Clarence L., who was born September 2, 1861, and died May 26, 1883; and Nellie A., born June 22, 1864. Adelbert E. married Lillian Mathews, of Nashua, and is now residing in Newport, N.H. Nellie A. is the wife of Frank Clement, of Newport. On December 17, 1871, Captain Sarsons wedded Ella Z. Metcalf. She was born in Newport, November 23, 1844, daughter of Joseph P. and Lucy (Gould) Metcalf. Mrs. Sarsons's father died December 17, 1869; and her mother died in April, 1896. By this second marriage of Captain Sarsons there is one daughter, Flora, who was born October 19, 1872, and is now the wife of Natt H. Beckwith, of Lempster.

Politically, Captain Sarsons is a Republican. He has served as a Selectman one year, was Tax Collector ten years, and for several years past has acted as a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public. Fraternally, he is connected with Forest Lodge, No. 69, I. O. O. F., of Marlow; Cold River Grange, No. 19, Patrons of Husbandry; the Prisoners-of-war Association and the Veterans' Association; and is a comrade of Hancock Post, No. 9, G. A. R., of Alstead, N.H.

AUGUSTUS BARNARD, formerly of Hopkinton, was one of the brave men who fought for the Union in the Civil War. Born in Haverhill, Mass., he was reared and educated in New York State. After spending a part of his early life in Boston, he came to Hopkinton, where he learned the currier's trade of Jonathan Osgood. He followed this trade in connection with tanning until the late war was well in progress. Then he enlisted as a private in the Sixteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry for nine months. With his regiment he served his full time, the most of which was spent in Louisiana. The exposure and hardships of the camp and field had undermined his health to such an extent that he lived but three months after his discharge. He died December 16, 1863, at the age of thirty-one, in the house on Putney Hill now occupied by his widow, Mrs. Julia A. Barnard.

Mrs. Julia A. Barnard was born May 19, 1823, at Contoocook, this county, daughter of Ichabod and Rebecca (Hazelton) Eaton. Both her parents were born in Haverhill, Mass., where they lived until after their marriage. Mr. Eaton was a mason by trade. In 1822, about a year before the birth of Mrs. Barnard, he came with his family to Hopkinton, locating on Putney Hill, in a house which is still owned by the Eaton family. Here the parents spent their remaining days, the father dying at the age of fourscore years, and the mother when seventy-five years old. They

had eleven children, of whom Mrs. Barnard, the youngest, is the only survivor. The others were: Susan, who married Ephraim Hunt, and lived eighty years; Matilda, who became the wife of Thomas Arnold, of Plaistow, N.H., and died at the age of fifty; Ichabod, who spent his life on the old homestead, and died at the age of sixty-two years, leaving a daughter, Ellen Louise Eaton, now residing with Mrs. Barnard; Nathaniel, who died at Hillsborough, N.H., aged forty-five years; Richard, who settled on Putney Hill, and died at the age of fifty years; Mary, who was the wife of Samuel Wilson, and died in Nashua at the age of forty years; Clara, who died in St. Louis, Mo., at the age of fifty-three, having first married Stilson Hutchins and after his death Hiram Somerby; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; and Charles and Rebecca, who died in infancy. Julia A. Eaton developed into young womanhood in the home of her parents. When sixteen years old, ambitious of doing something toward supporting herself, she went to Lowell, Mass., and obtained employment in the mills. She there met and married Isaac L. Hall, a young machinist. They settled in Lowell, remaining there until 1844, when his health failed. Then they removed to Hopkinton, and bought the house in which Mrs. Barnard now lives. Although Mr. Hall never recovered his health, his life was prolonged until 1851. Two children born of that union died in early childhood, leaving the young widow without a family. In March, 1853, she married Augustus Barnard, above mentioned. In the care of her little farm Mrs. Barnard has the assistance of George M. Barnard, a brother of her late husband.

George M. Barnard was born September 30, 1843, in Tompkins County, New York, son of Thomas K. and Hannah (Frost) Barnard. Both parents were natives of Massachusetts, born respectively in Amesbury and Methuen. The mother died when he was nine years old, leaving a large family, of which his brother Augustus was the first-born, and he was next to the youngest. His father had passed to the silent majority some years before that time, and his widowed mother had removed with her family to her old home in Amesbury. After the death of his parents he came to Hopkinton to live in the family of his brother Augustus, continuing until the breaking out of the late Rebellion. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Fourteenth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel Robert Wilson, of Keene, and was with his regiment in many of the important battles of the South, going from New Orleans to Virginia, where he served in Sheridan's army, and at the cessation of hostilities was in Savannah, Ga. He was at the front in the battles at Hopkins Hill, Fisher's Hill, and at Cedar Creek, carrying a musket in the ranks. He was never wounded nor detached from duty, and spent but one month in the hospital during his time of service, which fell just a little short of three years, having been discharged July 8, 1865, under general orders. His health, however, was undermined; and he came back to Hopkinton to the care and protection of Mrs. Barnard, whom he assists by looking after her farming interests. The government gives him a pension. Mr. Barnard has never married. He is a man of strong opinions, and in politics a Republican.

JOHN C. PILLSBURY, a prominent resident of Danbury, was born here, January 18, 1832, son of John and Nancy (Colby) Pillsbury. The grandfather, Samuel Pillsbury, was one of the early settlers

of Salisbury and a representative of the famous Pillsbury family who originally came from Rowley, Mass. A blacksmith as well as a farmer, he followed his trade in Salisbury. He lived nearly opposite the home of Daniel Webster, and the two young men grew up together. In his later years he came to Danbury, where he spent his last days, dying at the age of fifty years. He was a soldier of the Continental army during the Revolutionary War, and fought in the battle of Bunker Hill. His wife was a Pingaree, and a connection of Governor Pingaree. John Pillsbury, born in Salisbury, N.H., was a farmer. He took up the land now occupied by his son, and built the house which stands upon it. He spent all his days upon this place after coming to Danbury, with the exception of a short time during which he worked in Cambridge, Mass. His death occurred December 17, 1868. He married Nancy Colby, of Franklin, N.H., who died October 6, 1877. Their children, John C. and Mary A., survived them. Mary, born July 17, 1839, married Smith J. Roby, and had two children, one of whom is deceased. Her other child, Cora B., is now the wife of John Huntoon, of Danbury. Mrs. Roby died June 26, 1877.

After receiving his education in the Danbury schools, John C. Pillsbury learned the stone-cutter's trade, which he afterward followed for about ten years. During that time he worked in various places and on many important contracts, notably on the new Vermont State House. He also worked in the great quarries of Vinal Haven, Me. Upon returning to Danbury, he bought a farm, upon which he lived until his father's death. When that event occurred, not wishing the old homestead to pass out of the family, he sold his own farm, and moved to his father's place, where he has since resided. Mr. Pillsbury married Miss Sarah E. Perrin, a daughter of Oel and Sabrinia (Strong) Perrin, of Royalton, Vt. Of their six children two daughters, Nellie and Mary E., died in infancy. The others are: George O.; Natt W.; Mrs. James Virtue, of Concord, Vt.; and Mrs. Fred Lovering, of Concord, N.H. Mr. Pillsbury has been a Free Mason and a stanch Democrat. His first Presidential vote was cast in 1856 for James Buchanan.

HON. CHESTER PIKE, a prominent citizen of Sullivan County, New Hampshire, residing in Cornish, his native town, was born July 30, 1829, son of Ebenezer and Judith (Bryant) Pike. On both his father's and his mother's side he is descended from distinguished ancestry, and from families that have been conspicuous, not only in the history of New Hampshire, but in the history of the nation. His grandfather Pike was born in Newbury, Mass., and came to Cornish in early manhood, the first of the name to settle here. He bought a farm and a mill on Blow-me-down Brook, and devoted himself to farming and to carrying on the mill. He married Mary Marcy, of Hartland, Vt.; and they had three children — Ebenezer, Chester (first), and Pliny. Chester, first, who never married, died in Northumberland when about thirty-five years of age. Pliny Pike was a farmer of Cornish, and died in that town at the age of seventy years.

Ebenezer, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Cornish in 1788, and died in 1862. After completing his studies at school, he purchased and carried on one of the largest stock-raising farms in the county, raising thoroughbred horses for the Boston market. With the exception of Mr. Wainwright, of Vermont, no one else of his time

did so large a business in this line. When a school-boy, Mr. Ebenezer Pike was always alert to make a good bargain. He traded horses then as well as jack-knives and other boyish knickknacks, and this natural business ability was the foundation of his success in life. In politics he was a Whig, but was not ambitious for political honors, and did not meddle in public affairs, his large business interests being sufficient to absorb his entire time. His wife, Judith, daughter of Captain Sylvanus and Sarah Chase Bryant, of Cornish, bore him two children — Chester and John B.

The younger son, John B. Pike, was born in February, 1830, and was educated in the common schools of Cornish, in Hartland, Vt., at Kimball Union Academy, and at Norwich University, Vermont. He then went West, and was engaged for a while as a civil engineer. Afterward he kept a hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, and later in Chelsea, Vt. In 1863 he was appointed Deputy Provost Marshal, and after the war he was for many years a mail route agent between St. Albans, Vt., and Boston. He next went into the insurance business, in which he has since continued. He married Louise Parker, of Plainfield, and is the father of two children — Chester J. and Luther Henry Pike. Chester J. Pike is living in Boston, and is general selling agent for a large rubber company. He is one of the chief promoters of one of the largest combines in New England, and was a short time ago written about as one of the five young men of this period to draw the largest salaries in New England. He married and has two children. Luther Henry Pike lives in Boston, and is a member of the well-known rubber firm of Converse & Pike. He has one child.

On his maternal side Mr. Chester Pike is descended from the Chases and Bryants, early settlers of Cornish. Three brothers — Samuel, Moses, and Caleb Chase — came from Newbury, Mass., and were the first settlers in the township of Cornish. They landed at the mouth of Blow-me-down Brook; and there Moses, great-grandfather of Mr. Chester Pike, built the first house ever erected in the town of Cornish. The homestead is now owned by the Hon. Charles C. Beaman, a wealthy New York lawyer, son-in-law of the Hon. William E. Evarts and partner in the firm of Evarts, Beaman & Choate. Mr. Beaman makes this his summer home; and he has expended a fortune on beautifying the estate, in which he takes great pride on account of its historic associations. Caleb Chase, the youngest of the three brothers, had a daughter, who became Mrs. Sarah Chase Kimball. It was she who founded the famous Kimball Union Academy which has fitted so many New Hampshire men and women to hold notable positions in life. Mrs. Kimball was a great-aunt of Mr. Pike. Other distinguished members of this family, were: General Jonathan Chase, Bishop Philander Chase, and Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase.

Chester Pike received his education in the schools of Cornish and of Hartland, Vt., at Kimball Union Academy, and at Plainfield; and after his school days were over he worked on his father's farm for a number of years. For several winters he taught school, and at the age of twenty-one he became an agriculturist and a dealer in horses. He still has some very valuable stock on his farm, which occupies one of the best sites in New England, on the banks of the Blow-me-down Brook and adjoining the estate of the Hon. Mr. Beaman. Beautiful Blow-me-down Brook has its source in the cloud-curtained hills of New Hampshire and its outlet in the stately Connecticut River. The origin of its name is unknown. The estate, comprising some

thousand acres, is diversified by rich pasture and meadow lands and beautiful groves, and in summer and autumn with luxuriant harvests. Mr. Pike had become the owner of this magnificent property by the exercise of his native business talents and by courteous and honorable dealing in all transactions. He has been largely interested in wool, and was a member of the firm of Dudley & Pike, having a market in Boston.

Although having these extensive business interests, he has found time to devote to the general affairs of his native town, and has brought to bear upon questions of public welfare the same sagacity and keenness of intellect that he has applied to his personal affairs.

His fellow-townsmen have appreciated the value of his sound judgment and practical ability, and almost every office of trust and responsibility in the gift of the town has been tendered him. He was for several years Selectman; in 1859–62 he was County Commissioner for Sullivan County; in 1862–63 he was sent to represent the town in the legislature, and was on the Committee on Manufactures the first year, and Chairman of the Committee on Banks the second; in 1887 and 1888 he was again elected to the House of Representatives, and was Chairman of the Committee on Railroads. He was appointed United States Provost Marshal in 1863, to serve during the most trying days the country has ever seen; and the able and successful manner in which this difficult position was filled gained for Mr. Pike the gratitude of all his constituents. The Commissioner was the Hon. F. A. Faulkner, of Keene; and the Surgeon, Professor Dixi Crosby, of Hanover. In 1866 Mr. Pike received the nomination for Councillor of the Fourth District, but declined to accept. He was subsequently appointed United States Collector of Internal Revenue, and held this appointment until the districts were consolidated. In 1883 and 1884 he was a member of the New Hampshire Senate, and also in 1885 and 1886, when he was President of the Senate. He has been a Director in the Claremont National Bank for twenty-five years, and has been a member and officer of the Sullivan County, the Connecticut River, the New Hampshire State, and the New England Agricultural Societies.

In 1862 Mr. Pike married Amanda F., daughter of the Hon. Levi Chamberlin Fay, of Windsor, Vt. She has borne him four children, only one of whom, Chester Fay Pike, is living. He was born in Cornish, May 11, 1869. After acquiring his education he went into mercantile business with his uncle, Edmund S. Fay, in Portsmouth, N.H., where he remained for two years. He then went to Boston, and was travelling salesman for a rubber company for two years; and at the end of that time he was with the firm of Converse & Pike. After much persuasion on the part of his parents he was induced to return to Cornish, where he has resided for the past year.

Mrs. Pike was born at Reading, Vt., in 1833. Her father was much interested in military affairs, and won the title of Major. She is a direct descendant on her father's side of Governor Lincoln, of Massachusetts, and on her mother's side is connected with the celebrated Sherman family, which numbers among its members by blood or marriage General Sherman, Secretary of State John Sherman, ex-Senator Evarts, Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, and the late Judge Rockwood Hoar.

HENRY H. CROWELL, a prosperous lumber merchant of Hopkinton, was born in that town, July 9, 1834, son of Albert A. and Lydia (Kimball) Crowell.

His grandfather, Joseph Crowell, came from Bradford, Mass., and settled on Beach Hill about one hundred years ago. Albert Crowell, who was born on the aforesaid hill, about fifty years ago settled at Ferrington's Corner, on the farm where Eli Boutwell now lives. He ran the old saw-mill of the primitive up and down style, doing a custom business; and the mill industry has been in the hands of the Crowell family there ever since. He died at the age of sixty-two. His wife, also a native of Hopkinton, now, at the age of eighty-two, lives with her son. Of their six boys Lewis E. was killed in the Civil War by a shell at Spottsylvania. Three of the others were in the Burden Sharpshooters. Henry H. served two years and nine months. He was in all the battles of the regiment from the second battle of Bull Run. Another of the brothers, O. W. Crowell, is the famous evangelist singer, now travelling, and engaged in that work. The talent for vocal music, which is not wholly confined to this son, was an inheritance from their mother.

Henry H. Crowell remained with his father until he was twenty-one, working out in the summers. In 1868 he bought his present mill near Ferrington Corners. He had at first a grist-mill, a clapboard, lath, shingle, and upright saw-mill. In 1869 a great freshet carried the grist-mill and all its belongings down stream. He then rebuilt, and put in new machinery. His neighbors aided him in building the dam; and he now has a circular saw for lumber, besides a shingle-mill. The same plant has been worked now for twenty-eight years. With the exception of three years spent in the army Mr. Crowell has been in the mill business for forty-eight years. He often effects a profitable transaction by buying stumpage and clearing off the lumber. Adjoining his comfortable residence is a small farm. He is quite actively identified with social organizations, and has held public office. All the chairs of Colonel Putnam Post, No. 5, G. A. R., have been occupied by him; and he attended the Boston and Portland National Encampments of the organization. He was a charter member of Union Grange, No. 56, Patrons of Husbandry, and served in nearly all the chairs, including that of Master. In 1878, 1879, and 1880 he was Collector of Taxes; and he has been Selectman for six years. In 1876–77 he was a Representative in the State legislature, and was active in committee work. He has been a Justice of the Peace for thirty years. A stanch Republican, he is interested in local politics. He cast his first vote for Fremont, and he has voted that ticket ever since. Both he and his family belong to the Congregational church.

Mr. Crowell was married in 1858 to Lucinda M. Currier, who died in 1874. In 1876 he married Melinda J. Burroughs, of Bow, N.H. The children of the first marriage were: Lewis Albert, who died in childhood; Frank, who also died young; Etta M., who became the wife of Charles P. Goodwin; and George H., who died at the age of twenty-eight. By the second union there is a daughter, Lilian L., now nineteen years old, who is a music teacher.

DAVID M. CURRIER, M.D., a successful physician of Newport, was born in Grafton, Grafton County, September 15, 1840, son of David and Rhoda (Morse) Currier. The grandfather, David Currier, presumably came from Salisbury, Mass., and located in Canaan, where he became the owner of a good tract of land, and died at the age of seventy-one years. He married February 2, 1797, Ruth Stevens,

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who died at the age of seventy-two years. They had five children: David, born February 8, 1803; Edward, born June 12, 1805; Aaron, born September 10, 1813; Dorothy, born January 28, 1799; and Hannah, born June 23, 1800. David, the father of Dr. Currier, was also a farmer. His active life was spent in Canaan and in Grafton. At a later date he moved to the farm, where he died July 2, 1862. His death resulted from injuries from the fall of a tree upon him while at work in the woods. He married Rhoda Morse, who was born in Enfield in 1807, and died March 31, 1894. He was a Free Will Baptist. In his last years he was a Republican. His children were: Rhoda M., who died when two years old; Amanda M. Hadley, who died sixty years of age; Ruth S. Leeds, who lives in Orange, N.H.; Mary Y. Diamond, also a resident of Orange; David M., the subject of this sketch; and William H. Currier, who is a travelling salesman, residing in South Braintree, Mass.

Having received his early education in the schools of Grafton and Sanbornton Bridge (now Tilton), N.H., David M. Currier went into the Mc Lean Insane Asylum, formerly in Somerville, Mass., as an attendant. Here he began the study of medicine under the superintendent of the institution, Dr. John E. Tyler. He was afterward a pupil of Dr. Dixie and A. B. Crosbie at Hanover, and subsequently, having entered Dartmouth Medical College, graduated therefrom in 1867. His first practice was in association with Dr. Fitz at Sutton, N.H. At the end of a year he settled in Sunapee, N.H., where he was located till 1870, when he went to Boston to take a course of lectures and to visit the hospitals. In 1885 he took a post-graduate course at the Post-graduate Medical College of New York. When he left Boston in 1871, he went into partnership with Dr. Swett in Newport. That connection ended after the lapse of a year, since which he has been in active practice alone.

On November 29, 1868, Dr. Currier married Jennie B. Colby, daughter of Johnson Colby, of Sutton. She died September 29, 1879, leaving no children. The Doctor contracted a second marriage December 29, 1881, with Annie M. Converse. Her father, E. C. Converse, who is the present Postmaster of Newport, was born in Lyme, N.H., June 2, 1827, son of Theron and Miriam Carpenter. His grandfather, Joel Converse, was one of the early settlers of Lyme, a farmer and a good worker. Joel married Elizabeth Bixby, who by him had Theron, who was also a farmer. Theron spent almost his entire life at Lyme, was a member of the Congregational church, a Whig in politics, and later a Republican. He died in 1861. His wife died in the previous year. He was the father of five children by a former wife, Mary Porter Converse; namely, Alpheus, Mary, Louisa, Benjamin, and an infant who died young. Born of his second marriage were: Theoron B., E. C., and Miriam. Miriam became the wife of Frank Smith, of Michigan. Mr. Converse was brought up in Lyme, where he was educated and where he became a clerk in a general store. He came to Newport in 1849, and in 1859 he engaged in the drug business for himself. This he continued unil 1893, when he sold out to take charge of the post-office of the town. In 1848 he married Amanda Tibbetts, who was born in New York State. They have had five children: Alzira, who died at the age of fourteen years; Hattie, who became the wife of E. B. Temple, and died at twenty-nine years; Annie M., the wife of Dr. Currier; Sarah, the wife of David Leach; and Eleazar C., Jr., an electrician of Boston. The

father is a member of the Congregational church at Lyme. A Democrat in politics, he has held the office of Town Clerk for two years, was legislative Representative for one year, and for many years was the Moderator of Newport. He is connected with the I. O. O. F., Sugar River Lodge, No. 45, and Mount Coit Lodge, No. 286, K. of H.

Dr. Currier has two daughters, namely: Helen M., born June 5, 1891; and Josephine, born June 23, 1893. Both he and Mrs. Currier attend the Methodist church. Dr. Currier votes the Independent ticket. He has been a member of the Board of Health, and he served for two years on the Water Commission for the construction of the present water system of Newport. He was on the Board of Education for three years, and has held the office of United States Examining Surgeon for the last twenty-one years. He is well known in Masonic and other secret society circles, being a member of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 15, of Newport; Past High Priest of the Chapter of the Tabernacle, No. 19, Newport Lodge, K. of P., No. 43, of which he is a charter member and first Vice-Chancellor of the society and Past Chancellor Commander. He was admitted to the Grand Lodge, K. of P., in 1893, and in 1894 was elected Grand Master at Arms. In 1895 he was awarded to chair of Grand Vice-Chancellor; and in October, 1896, he was elected to the office of Grand Chancellor of the State of New Hampshire, which office he now holds. On March 7, 1897, he was commissioned Surgeon of the Second Regiment, Uniform Rank, K. of P., of the Grand Domain of New Hampshire. He is also a member of the New Hampshire Medical and Centre District Society, being an ex-President of the last named organization. He is a member of the American Public Health Association and of the Medico-Legal Society of New York. Dr. Currier has had a wide and extensive practice, and ranks second in seniority as a practising physician of Newport.

GEORGE WEST FLANDERS, who lives on a small farm in West Concord, was born there, November 9, 1831. The great-grandfather was an extensive land-owner at Millville, and had possession of the water-power privilege of that section. His residence stood on the site now occupied by St. Paul's School. At the close of his active life he left his land to be divided among his sons. His wife's maiden name was Fowler. The grandfather, Richard Flanders, was engaged in interests connected with a mill. Afterward he purchased a farm in the west part of the town, and became a farmer. At first he had no barns on the land, and he stacked his crops in the open air. Later he was able to build a barn, and extend his property, which his sons further increased. He was ninety years old when he died. His wife, Mary Chandler (West) Flanders, had ten children. A brother of his was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

John Flanders, the father of George, worked at the shoemaker's trade, and was also occupied to some extent in farming. He was especially skilful in raising fruit and grafting trees. After receiving his education in the public schools of Concord, he began life about a century ago upon the property now in possession of his son George. Here he built the old homestead, and died in 1856, at the age of seventy years. On the training days of the old militia he was fife major of a regiment. His sons subsequently played the fife on similar occasions. He married Rachel Abbott, a daughter of Samuel and Mary

(Story) Abbott; and they had nine children — Louisa A., John W., William, Mary S., Daniel, Rachel A., Sarah A., George V., and George W. Louisa A., born August 17, 1812, died April 29, 1890. She was a housekeeper and school teacher, and lived at the homestead. John W., born February 10, 1814, died July 11, 1840. He was a printer, and became one of the proprietors and editors of the *New Hampshire Statesman*, published at Concord, N.H., by E. C. Flanders. William, born December 4, 1815, died February 7, 1871. He lived in Manchester, N.H., was a carpenter, machinist, and pattern-maker, was a Representative to the New Hampshire legislature, and served as a member of the Council of Manchester. In 1840 he married Harriet Sturtevant, of Barton, Vt., who died February 4, 1871. They had four children, of whom two died in infancy. Their son, George W., who was born February 9, 1845, and died in Somerville, Mass., February 17, 1889, married Mary A. Lane, of Suncook, N.H., in 1870. Edwin J., the only living child of William and Harriet Flanders, was born July 6, 1849. He was married in 1887 at Great Falls, N.H., to Mrs. Anna J. Brown. He is a carpenter, and lives in Lowell, Mass. Mary S. Flanders, born March 21, 1818, died August 29, 1889. She was a tailoress and housekeeper, and lived at the homestead. Daniel, born July 1, 1820, who died March 2, 1895, was a carpenter, machinist, and farmer, and lived in Manchester and Concord. He was first married June 8, 1845, to Martha Sturtevant, of Barton, Vt., who died January 6, 1868. Their only child, Charles W., born August 23, 1847, died May 3, 1895. On September 14, 1870, Daniel Flanders married Mrs. Emma F. Caldwell, who died April 10, 1889. Rachel A., born January 19, 1823, died February 19, 1886. She was a seamstress, housekeeper, and teacher, and lived at the homestead. Sarah A., born September 4, 1825, married April 25, 1850, N. J. Willis, who died in October, 1893. Two of her five children died in childhood. The others are: Anna A., born January 11, 1855; Marietta F., born September 18, 1857; and Emogene L., born March 17, 1860, who died April 15, 1876. Anna and Marietta live with their mother in Cambridgeport, Mass. Mrs. Willis is a well-known speaker at the Spiritualist Temple, Boston. George V. Flanders, born March 5, 1829, died August 24, 1831. George West Flanders received his education in the schools of Concord. Since the death of his father he has resided on the old homestead. He has been on the Board of Aldermen for two years, and in the early sixties he was a member of the City Council for three years. He was a member of the School Committee before 1860, and he has been Ward Clerk and Moderator for several terms. His political principles are Republican, and he cast his first Presidential vote for General Fremont in 1856.

DAVID ARTHUR BROWN, Manager and Treasurer of the Concord Axle Company of Penacook, an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Attleboro, Mass., May 14, 1839, son of Henry H. and Mary Ann (Daggett) Brown. His parents were natives of Attleboro. On the father's side he is descended from an Englishman who settled in Massachusetts in the year 1624. His great-grandfather was John Brown, and his grandfather was David Brown. On the mother's side his genealogy is traced through her father, Otis Daggett, of the seventh generation, Joab of the sixth, John of

the fifth, Ebenezer of the fourth, John of the third, and Thomas of the second, to the first John, of Martha's Vineyard, who, born in England, came to this country in 1630 with Governor Winthrop, of whom he is said to have been a relation.

David Arthur Brown was educated in the public schools of Penacook and at the academy in New London, N.H., completing his studies at the age of nineteen. At intervals in the period of his school life he worked with his father in the cotton-mill at Penacook. Later he entered the repair shops, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil War. In August, 1861, being a proficient band musician, he enlisted as a leader of the band connected with the Third Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. After leaving this State, the regiment was quartered for a time on Long Island, New York. Then it was ordered to Washington, D.C., and later to Annapolis, Md. From Annapolis it was sent by sea to Port Royal, S.C., where it was attached to the Tenth Army Corps, Department of the South, and served at different times under Generals Sherman, Gilmore, and Hunter. Mr. Brown was present at several important battles and skirmishes, and on several occasions he voluntarily laid aside his musical instruments to shoulder a musket. Good service was also rendered by him in removing the wounded from the field and caring for them in the hospital. He was honorably discharged at Port Royal, August 31, 1862. Upon his return from the army he fitted up a repair shop for the Contoocook mill, and conducted it for two years. In 1864 he formed a partnership with A. B. Winn, under the firm name of A. B. Winn & Co., for the purpose of engaging in the manufacturing of wagon axles and machinery. The firm name was changed to D. Arthur Brown & Co. in the following year; and under that style business was carried on until 1880, when the enterprise was incorporated as the Concord Axle Company. Since the formation of the firm Mr. Brown has been its Manager, and he is the Treasurer and a Director of the present corporation. Some time after his discharge from the Federal service Mr. Brown reorganized the Fisherville Band, of which he had formerly been the leader, and as Brown's Cornet Band it became one of the best organizations of its kind in the State. It furnished music on New Hampshire Day, at the Centennial Exposition of 1876 in Philadelphia; and it accompanied the New Hampshire legislature upon their visit to the Bennington Centennial held in 1877. He had been identified with this organization twenty-one years in all, when in 1878, on account of business cares, he retired from its leadership, and it was disbanded.

On December 23, 1865, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Susan M. Follansbee, a native of Grafton. His only child is Henry A. Brown. In politics he is an active supporter of the Republican party, and he was a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives in 1873. Well advanced in Masonry, he is a member of Horace Chase Lodge, No. 72; of Trinity Chapter, No. 2; and of Mount Horeb Commandery, of which he is Chief Bugler. He is at the present time serving as Quartermaster of W. I. Brown Post, No. 31, G. A. R., of Penacook. He has been several times elected Commander of the post, but declined to serve, as he believed his deafness would not admit of his properly filling the position. He served as an Aide-de-camp upon the staff of Commander-in-chief Rea in 1895, was Assistant Inspector General upon the national staff under General Walker in 1896, and an Aide-de-camp on the staff of Commander-in-chief Clarkson in 1897. He

is also connected with the Third Regiment, Veteran Association, of Weirs, N.H., and has acted as its Secretary and Treasurer for the past ten years. Mr. Brown is a member of the First Baptist Church, and has for twelve years been officially connected with that society as its clerk.

LELAND J. GRAVES, M.D., was a progressive physician of Claremont, who by the introduction of more advanced ideas in the treatment of disease aided considerably in carrying the healing art to its present high standard of excellence. It is a well-known fact that the greatest amount of good in the way of scientific development has been accomplished by self-made men, and the subject of this sketch belonged to that worthy type of American citizenship.

Leland J. Graves was born in Berkshire, Franklin County, Vt., May 24, 1812, son of David J. and Mary (Leland) Graves. The founder of the family came from England, where its printed genealogical record covers a period of eight hundred years. The original form of the name was Greaves. Thomas Greaves, who ranked as a Rear Admiral in the Royal Navy, settled in Charlestown, Mass., in 1636; and his family was prominent in early Colonial affairs. His son was one of the first physicians graduated from Harvard College; and a grandson, who also graduated from that institution, became a Judge. Dr. Graves's great-grandfather was Peter Greaves. His grandfather, Luther Greaves, who resided in Leominster, Mass., was born April 20, 1749. Luther served in the Revolutionary War as a minute-man in Sergeant Samuel Sawyer's company, and was a Lieutenant in the company of Captain Ephraim Harris from May, 1778, to July 31, 1779. He died in Leominster in 1790. He married Phœbe Jewett, of that town, and had a family of ten children. His widow married Colonel John Boynton, and moved to Weathersfield, Vt. David J. Graves, who was born in Leominster, October 2, 1785, accompanied his mother and stepfather to Vermont, where he was brought up as a farmer. The latter part of his life was spent in Wisconsin. His wife, Mary, whom he married in Weathersfield, became the mother of four children; namely, Sereno, Leland J., Calvin Jewett, and I. Franklin.

As soon as he was able to make himself useful, Leland J. Graves began to assist upon farms in his neighborhood. He did not attend school until he was fifteen years old. An ambition to advance developed with his mental faculties; and in April, 1829, he bound himself to his uncle, Cyrus Boynton, with the understanding that he was to have three months' schooling each year, and that his wages were to be given to his father. That he made good use of these limited educational facilities is attested by the fact that, when he reached his majority, he was competent to teach school. He taught in the winter, and worked at farming in the summer, saving his earnings, and at intervals attending Chester, Cavendish, and Ludlow Academies. He was about to enter college when he was attacked by a severe illness, which, in spite of constant medical aid, continued for four years. The suffering he endured at this time caused him to change his plans for the future. Excessive doses of calomel, prescribed by the physicians to break up his stubborn fever, produced such injurious results upon his system that he decided to study medicine, with a view of ascertaining if less dangerous and more effective modes of treatment could not be devised. Upon his recovery he entered upon a course of preliminary medical instruction under the

guidance of Drs. Crosby, Peaslee, and Hubbard. He attended lectures at Dartmouth College, and subsequently received his degree on his thirtieth birthday. Shortly after he entered upon his profession in Langdon, N. H. When firmly established, Dr. Graves began to depart from the usual course of treatment recognized in those days. In the treatment of fevers he substituted fresh air and water for mercurial preparations. By so doing he aroused the indignation of the medical fraternity to such a pitch that at one time he was declared an impostor and threatened with violence. He fearlessly adhered to his theory, however; and, when it became known that his patients rallied more quickly under the new treatment, the wrath of his brother physicians was turned to jealousy. The introduction of his mild remedies ultimately displaced the harsh treatment formerly used, and in this locality he may be said to have been mainly instrumental in securing the much needed change. He acquired a large practice, his regular circuit including the towns of Langdon, Acworth, Walpole, and Charlestown, and other places; and for a quarter of a century he devoted himself to his professional duties. In 1868 he decided to rest from his labors, and with a view of permanently retiring he moved to Claremont. Popular pressure, however, was such as to make it impossible for him to carry out his resolution at that time; and he continued in practice here for some years afterward. He was especially noted for his charitable and patriotic disposition. The poor and needy were never turned away, and during the war of the Rebellion he steadfastly refused to accept pay for treating soldiers or their families. He was a close student of botany, geology, and astronomy, and was familiar with the terrestrial formation and vegetation of the United States from the State of Maine to the Rocky Mountains. With the practical value of plants he was thoroughly conversant. A large collection of minerals, which he had spent years in collecting, was recently presented to Durham College by his daughters. In politics he was originally a Whig, and he became an ardent Republican at the formation of that party. He was Superintendent of Schools in Langdon for fourteen years, and he was a member of the legislature during the years 1867 and 1868. For fifty years he was a leading member of the Baptist church in Springfield, Vt. He was a member of the New Hampshire State and Connecticut River Medical Associations. In Masonry he had advanced to the Commandery, was at one time Eminent Commander, and he was the organizer of the commandery in Claremont. He died February 22, 1891, at his home in Claremont, nearly seventy-nine years of age.

On May 24, 1843, Dr. Graves was united in marriage with Caroline E. Strow, daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (McEwan) Strow, of Weathersfield, Vt. Previous to her marriage she taught in the Unity Scientific and Military School. She was a woman of superior mental endowments and noble character. She died August 29, 1885, leaving three daughters — Mary E., Harriet M., and Agnes J. Mary E., who graduated from the New London Academy in 1864, and has since been engaged in educational work, was for a time principal of the Arcadia Female Seminary, Wolfville, N. S. She is an accomplished German scholar, a devoted art student, and is now upon her fifth visit to Germany. Harriet M., who married James M. Coburn, died in Kansas City, Mo., June 21, 1886. She left two children: Mary Agnes, who is studying music in Berlin; and Grace Eleanor, who is attending Smith College. Agnes J. Graves was married on October 15, 1879, to Pascal P. Coburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Coburn occupy the Dr. Graves homestead. She has two daughters — Elizabeth Ames and Harriet Graves.

FRANK B. KENNEY, a prominent farmer of Loudon and a son of Bradley H. and Nancy (Young) Kenney, was born in Loudon, December 19, 1854. His father, who was a native of New Hampshire, and a cooper by trade, settled in Loudon after his marriage, was thereafter occupied in farming, and died May 24, 1882, on the farm where the subject of this sketch now lives. The first of the father's two marriages was contracted with Miss Pease, who bore him four children. These were: Mary Ann, who married Joseph A. Foster, and lives in Manchester, N.H.; Clarissa, now deceased; Caroline, who is the wife of Joseph Hutchinson, and lives in Concord, N.H.; and Charles L., who married Myra Knowles, of Penacook, and lives near Frank B. Kenney in Loudon. By the second marriage, which was made with Nancy D. Young, of Gilmanton, N.H., there were three children, namely: Frank B.; and Ellen Frances and Ella Victoria, twins. Ellen Frances is now deceased. Ella is the wife of True M. Hill, and lives near her brother.

Frank B. Kenney received his education in the common schools of Loudon and in the Tilton Seminary. He spent his youth on the home farm, which he now owns. On the estate, containing at the present time about four hundred acres, located in Canterbury and Gilmanton, he carries on general farming. He is a Republican in politics, and he has well served the community in the capacity of Selectman. On March 4, 1882, he was married to N. M. Ladd, who was born November 20, 1861, daughter of John M. and Kate H. Ladd. Mr. and Mrs. Kenney have had five children, of whom Harry L. and Clinton J. are deceased. The others are: Katie Frances, Helen N., and Joe Frank — all still beneath the parental roof-tree. Both parents are members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Loudon, and take an earnest interest in all church work.

JOSEPH WARREN HAM, a well-known farmer of Canterbury, N.H., was born in this town, June 18, 1820, son of Joseph and Susan (Sargent) Ham. His grandfather, Joseph Ham, was born in Portsmouth, but came to Canterbury with three brothers in 1783. He settled on a farm near where the subject of this sketch now lives, and spent the rest of his life here.

His son Joseph, a man of force and high integrity, was a carpenter by trade, although he devoted himself to the pursuit of agriculture. Soon after his marriage he came into possession of the home farm where Mr. Ham is now living; and he died here, after a long and useful life, at the age of ninety-three years, February 24, 1882. His wife, Susan Sargent, of Canterbury, a gentle and refined woman of good education, died December 6, 1875. They had five children. The eldest, Betsey Page, born November 11, 1815, married Charles C. Burnham, and died February 8, 1892. Thomas, the eldest son, born February 23, 1817, married Mary Elizabeth Smith, and is living in Lakeport, N.H., where for many years he has been President of the Lakeport Savings Bank. Joseph Warren, the subject of this sketch, was the third child and second son born to his parents. Charles Henry, born January 22, 1831, married to Emeline A. Hines, lives in New York City, where he serves as a member of the Board of United States General Appraisers, a court of appeals for customs cases in all the ports of

the country. His chief title to distinction, however, is his connection with education, on which subject he lectures and writes in the intervals of official engagements, his most important work being a book entitled "Manual Training," published by the Harpers in 1886, a third edition of which is now in press. The youngest of the family is Maria Gerrish, whose education was begun in one of the district schools of her native town, and completed in the Tilton Academy. She was a brilliant girl, and is an extraordinarily clever woman; but she never has married, and lives still, in the prime of life, with her brother, Joseph Warren, at the old homestead.

Joseph Warren Ham received a good common-school education in Canterbury, which was enlarged by a reflective temperament and studious habits. He spent his early life upon the farm, and then went to Lawrence, Mass., where he engaged in civil engineering for ten years. At the end of this time he returned to Canterbury, and settled on the homestead farm in April, 1861. September 16, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Eighteenth New Hampshire Infantry, under Colonel Livermore and Captain Greenough. He was in the engagements at Port Stedman and in three engagements at Petersburg, Va. He was discharged June 17, 1865, when he returned to Canterbury and re-engaged in farming, which he still follows. His farm at present consists of one hundred and forty acres of good land; and the buildings, which were old, have been completely restored. Owing to ill health and advancing age he has not been able to work for several years; but he employs labor, and superintends the men in his service.

He has held the office of Postmaster in Uplands for a number of years. In politics Mr. Ham is a Republican. He is a member of the G. A. R., Laconia Post, No. 37, at Laconia. He was married on November 29, 1849, to Mary Jane Barker, the daughter of Gardner T. and Martha Barker, of Canterbury. They had one child — Belle Maria, born September 26, 1858, who died July 1, 1863. Mrs. Mary J. B. Ham died August 1, 1881.

ALVAH B. CHELLIS, a leading farmer of Plainfield and the senior partner in the well-known firm, Chellis & Stickney, was born here, January 27, 1841, son, of John Pettengill and Lucinda (Bean) Chellis. The first representative of the family in this country came from Wales in 1636. His son John, born in Kingston, N.H., was the great-great-grandfather of Alvah B. Chellis. John's son Thomas, born in Kingston about the year 1750, was in the Revolution together with all his brothers, and fought at Bunker Hill.

The grandfather, Thomas Chellis, Jr., who was born at Salisbury, this State, March 24, 1785, died February 19, 1849. He and his father were the first of the family to settle in Plainfield. He was a farmer on an extensive scale, and a drover of cattle and dealer in horses. He was very wealthy, and very active in town affairs. He was in the legislature, was Selectman for many years, and he served in various other important offices. In religious belief he was a Congregationalist and a liberal supporter of the Congregational church. His wife, in maidenhood Abigail Morgan, daughter of Nathaniel and Miriam (Pettengill) Morgan, bore him nine children — Abigail, John P., Enoch F., Betsey M., Miriam, Otis H., Mary E., Sarah, and Andrew J. Abigail, born April 30, 1810, married Isaac Sawyer, of Salisbury, N.H., a breeder of Merino sheep on an extensive scale. Enoch F., born August 8, 1815, who was a prosperous farmer

of Cornish, N.H., married Mrs. Sarah Chase, and had one daughter, Marian V. Betsey, born November 9, 1817, died August 6, 1834. Miriam, born June 26, 1819, who died August 19, 1880, was unmarried. Otis H., who, born May 15, 1821, died June 30, 1894, was a farmer, carpenter, and merchant, and was for a short time in the fruit business in New Jersey. He successively married Martha P. Kinsman and Betsey M. Sargent. The latter bore him four children — Martha M., Frank O., Eloise, and Kate M. His sister, Mary E., born August 23, 1823, died April 19, 1884, unmarried. Sarah, born June 22, 1825, died August 17, 1837. Andrew J., born September 13, 1828, who was a very prosperous and prominent resident of Plainfield, died October 15, 1878.

John P. Chellis, father of Alvah B., was born December 26, 1812. After finishing his education at Kimball Union Academy, he taught school for about twelve winters. Thereafter, throughout the remainder of his life, he was engaged in farming, giving special attention to sheep-raising, and acquiring a handsome fortune. He was active as a citizen, and was chosen to fill the offices of Selectman, Town Treasurer, and Town Clerk. He was also State Senator for a time, and was High Sheriff of Sullivan County for nearly ten years. His wife, Lucinda, a daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Smith) Bean, was born August 31, 1816. Their children were: Alvah B. and Mary L. Chellis. Mary, who was born January 29, 1846, graduated from Kimball Union Academy, and then taught school for some years, principally in Lebanon and Newport, being very successful, and considered a fine disciplinarian. Both the parents died in 1888.

Alvah B. Chellis also taught school for many years, and, like his father and sister, was a skilful and successful instructor. Besides teaching he served in the capacity of clerk for the Provost Marshal at West Lebanon in 1863 and 1864. His home has always been here, on the farm formerly owned by his father, and of which he has had the management during the greater part of his life. He carries on general farming, and formerly raised large numbers of sheep. The store at Meriden, conducted by Chellis & Stickney, is very prosperous, and has a growing business. The post-office has been located there since the present firm started in business. Mr. Chellis has taken an active part in all questions of importance that have come before the town, both in his private capacity and that of Selectman. He has taken much interest in the public schools, and has repeatedly served on the School Board. In Masonry Mr. Chellis is Sir Knight, having membership in Franklin Lodge of Lebanon, and in Sullivan Commandery of Claremont. In these bodies he is very popular, and has held all the offices. His religious views agree with the creed of the Congregational church, and he is a generous supporter of the church society. He is fond of music, and has a fine voice; but he sings only for the pleasure of his family and immediate friends.

On October 13, 1870, Mr. Chellis married Harriet L. Rossiter, of Windsor, Vt., daughter of Chittenden and Charlotte (Converse) Rossiter. Mr. Rossiter was born in Claremont, March 22, 1817, and died May 8, 1892. Mrs. Rossiter, who is a daughter of a clergyman, and was born December 27, 1817, is still living at Windsor, Vt., in the home which has been hers for over fifty years. She is in good health, and her mental faculties are undimmed. Mr. and Mrs. Chellis have been the parents of two sons — James Bean and Converse Alvah. James, born May 16,

1879, died April 20, 1891. Converse, born at Plainfield, March 22, 1884, is attending school. As he has manifested a marked talent for music, he will probably pursue a course of musical training.

DANIEL B. SANBORN, a successful farmer of East Concord, Merrimack County, was born in Webster, N.H., April 12, 1840, son of Daniel and Sally (Batchelder) Sanborn.

Mr. Sanborn's grandfather, Tristam Sanborn, came to Webster with his wife and her parents, and took up land on what is now known as Sanborn and Clough's Hill. He lived to be quite an old man, and remained in this place until his death. He had a large family of children, of whom Daniel, father of the subject of this sketch, was the youngest but one. Daniel Sanborn moved to Canterbury when his son Daniel B. was but an infant. He bought a farm there, but later came to East Concord, and spent his last days here, dying at the age of seventy-two years. During his early life he worked for a time as a stone cutter, but subsequently devoted himself to farming. While living in Canterbury he served as Selectman. His wife, Sally Batchelder Sanborn, was a daughter of Samuel Batchelder, of Northwood, N.H. Their family consisted of four children, including the subject of this sketch: Ann is the wife of Charles L. Brown, and resides in Concord; Frank, the youngest son, married Hattie Blanchard, and has two sons; Mary Etta is unmarried.

Daniel B. Sanborn, the eldest child of his parents, received his education in the district schools of Canterbury and in the Concord High School. He came to this town in 1876, and now owns one hundred and twenty acres of tillage land. Besides his farming interests he does a fair business in lumber. He may be called a self-made man, as his success is the result of his own enterprise and intelligence. He married Miss Emmeline P. Clough, a daughter of William and Sophronia (Chase) Clough. Mrs. Sanborn is the mother of five children — Walter C., Sadie F., Harry B., Maud E., and Daniel W.

Mr. Sanborn is a Democrat, politically. He has served two years as Selectman, and was elected a member of the New Hampshire State legislature, to serve during 1897 and 1898. His first Presidential vote was cast for General McClellan in 1864.

EDWARD S. BARRETT, a prosperous farmer of West Concord, was born February 17, 1824, at Ashburnham, Mass., the son of Benjamin and Nancy (Stone) Barrett. The paternal grandfather, also named Benjamin, who was a native of Ashby, Mass., followed the occupation of farmer, spent the latter part of his life in New York State, and ended his days in Aurelius, N.Y.

Benjamin Barrett, who was also born in Ashby, after having learned shoemaking, worked at that trade for a number of years. He then followed farming in Ashburnham for a time. Subsequently he removed to Fitchburg, Mass., and later to Newport, N.H., where he ended his days at the age of fifty-one years. He and his wife reared the following children: Oliver S., born December 19, 1809, who died March 18, 1810; Nancy S. born December 14, 1810, who died September 17, 1828; Joseph, born January 13, 1813, who died June 17, 1897; Mary, born August 24, 1815, who died November 8, 1816; Lucy, born June 28, 1819, who married Martin Johnson, now of Lunenburg, Mass.; Ephraim,

born August 24, 1821, who died November 20, 1821; Benjamin, born October 24, 1822, who died April 24, 1823; Edward S., born February 17, 1824; Julia M., born March 18, 1826, who died February 3, 1889; Caroline, born February 15, 1828, who married Francis A. White, and now lives in Brookline, Mass.

Edward S. Barrett was educated at the district schools of Fitchburg, Mass., and Newport, N.H. He began to earn his living in a grist-mill at Newport, where he worked for six years. He then removed to Lempster, N.H., and during the most of his stay in that town was employed in farm work. In 1873 he removed to West Concord, and there purchased a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres, known as the old Washington Dow place, which has been his residence since. June 13, 1860, he married Mary Bingham, of Lempster, N.H., a daughter of Walter Bingham. They have no children. At one period in his life Mr. Barrett went West as far as the State of Iowa with the intention of settling out there; but, as the climate did not agree with his health, he returned to New Hampshire.

In politics he is both a Republican and a Prohibitionist. He cast his first Presidential ballot for General Zachary Taylor in 1848. In religion he is a member of the Congregational Church of West Concord, and has been one of the Deacons of that society for fifteen years. He is also a member of the Mount Vernon Lodge of Free Masons in Newport. Mr. Barrett is highly regarded by the community.

WILLIAM CUTLER TRUE, for many years one of the most successful farmers of Plainfield, was born May 9, 1834, son of Major Reuben and Hannah (Duncan) True. The first representatives of the True family in America came from England, settling in Salisbury, Mass., going thence to Salisbury, N.H., and from there coming to Plainfield. They were robust and self-reliant, and bore unflinchingly the sacrifices and hardships of the early days. Benjamin True, the grandfather of William C., was a prosperous farmer of Salisbury. His first marriage was contracted with a Sanborn, whose children were: Reuben, Osgood, Hannah, Sarah, Judith, Abigail, and a daughter who became Mrs. Severance, of Andover. The second time he married widow Roberts, who bore him three children — Lydia, Eunice, and Benjamin Kimball. Osgood True married Betsey Morgan, of Plainfield. He was a successful farmer, and had a family of six children. Hannah married Moses Eaton, and became the mother of a large family. Sarah became Mrs. James Severance, of Salisbury. Judith married Stephen Pingree; and one of her sons was Samuel E. Pingree, who became Governor of Vermont, and is still residing at Hartford in that State. Abigail married a Putney, and lived at Hopkinton, N.H.

Major Reuben True, born at Plainfield, became a very enterprising and prosperous farmer. He was a man of rare business ability, and was prominently identified with the business and political interests of the town. He served the public in nearly all the town offices, was Selectman many times, and was sent as Representative to the legislature. He was a leading member in the Baptist church and a generous supporter of its interests. The first of his two marriages was made with Mary Cutler, and the second with Hannah Duncan. The children of his first wife were: Bradley, Mary, Eunice, and Reuben; and those of his second were: William C., George Sidney and Susan E. (twins), and

Benjamin O. Bradley True married Sarah Smith, and is at present living at Lebanon, a wealthy farmer. He has two sons — Reuben and Frank William. Mary, a woman of great refinement and culture, remained a spinster, and died at the age of thirty-nine years. Eunice died at the age of sixty-nine, and Reuben at the age of thirty-three. George Sidney graduated from Dartmouth College, and was preparing to go into business with the Hon. Charles A. Pillsbury, since so well known in connection with his famous brand of flour, when he died, being then only twenty-five years of age. He was a young man of fine attainments and of great promise. Susan married the Rev. Lucian H. Frary, a Congregational minister of Middleton, Mass., and died December 14, 1872. Benjamin O. was educated at Kimball Union Academy, at Dartmouth College, and at Rochester Theological Seminary. He is now Professor of Church History in the Theological Seminary at Rochester, N.Y. His wife, Pamelia Smiley True, is a daughter of Dr. James R. Smiley, of Sutton, N.H. Their three children are: Harold, Helen, and Ruth.

William Cutler True received his education in the town schools and at Kimball Union Academy. After his marriage, when he was twenty-five years of age, he took up his residence on the estate that had been his wife's home. Here he remained up to the time of his death, carrying on most successfully one of the largest farms in this part of the country, and extensively engaged in raising cattle and sheep. The numerous farm buildings were always kept in the best possible condition, and supplied with all the latest improvements. Mr. True was a retiring man, unpretentious, never caring for display of any kind. He was Selectman for a number of years, was Representative to the legislature for several terms, and served acceptably in other public capacities. For many years he was a member of the Baptist church and one of its most liberal supporters. He was fraternally associated with Masonic bodies, and was very popular and influential in the organization. He was anticipating with great pleasure the trip to Boston on the occasion of the last Masonic parade and gathering of the Knights Templars, and expected to take part in some of the exercises. His death occurred on September 24, 1895.

Mr. True married Mary Morgan, who was born October 28, 1838, daughter of George W. and Mary Stevens Morgan, of Plainfield. Mr. Morgan was born December 7, 1811, and died February 1, 1857. He was a well-to-do farmer and one of the leading men of his time. Mrs. Morgan, born August 3, 1813, and now nearly eighty-four years old, enjoys excellent health.

FRANK WILLARD GRAFTON, M.D., a successful medical practitioner of Concord, was born in Gilford, N.H., in 1869, son of James and Mary Jane (Collins) Grafton. The earliest known progenitor of this family, also named James, emigrated from Scotland to America, locating in Cushing, Me., where he cleared a tract of land, and was afterward engaged in farming. He married, and had a large family, of whom Joseph, the eldest child, was the great-grandfather of Frank Willard.

Joseph Grafton, born in Cushing, who was also engaged in agricultural pursuits, passing his entire life on the farm, married, and reared a large family. His son, James Grafton, attended the common schools of his native town until he was seventeen years of age. Then he engaged in seafaring, which he had

followed for twenty years when he lost his life in a shipwreck. He married Margaret Davis, and they had a large family.

James Grafton, Jr., the father of Frank Willard, after acquiring his education in the public schools of Cushing, went to sea, continuing to make voyages for five years thereafter. He then came to Laconia, N.H., and worked at brickmaking for a year. In 1862 he enlisted in the Third New Hampshire Heavy Artillery, and subsequently served two and one-half years in the Civil War. After receiving his discharge he returned to Bow, where he has since been engaged in farming. He married Mary Jane Collins; and they had two children, of whom Frank W. is the only survivor. His maternal grandparents were James and Elmirah Collins, of Goffstown, Hillsborough County.

After attending the public schools and receiving private instruction, Frank W. Grafton took a course of study at the Bryant & Stratton Business College in Manchester, N.H. For the two following years he taught school in Bow. Then he took a further course of instruction in a Concord academy. In 1893 he entered the medical department of Dartmouth College, from which institution he was graduated in 1895. Until May, 1896, he remained as house officer in the hospital, when he returned home to Bow. In November, 1896, he began practice in Concord, N.H., in association with the late Dr. E. H. Foster. Since the death of the latter he has followed his profession alone.

On December 19, 1896, he was married to Edith Mathilde MacDowell, daughter of Edward MacDowell, of Champlain, N.Y. Mrs. Grafton is an Episcopalian in religious belief. In politics Dr. Grafton affiliates with the Republican party. He has the distinction of having been the first Republican Town Clerk of Bow, and is otherwise prominent in town affairs. He is identified with Grange No. 189, of Bow, of which he has been an officer; and with the Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 75, I. O. O. F., of Hanover, N.H. He is also a member of the United Order of Pilgrim Fathers and of the Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order.

SAMUEL C. CARTER, a farmer of Loudon township, was born here October 19, 1840, son of Clark and Eunice (Elliott) Carter. His grandfather, Samuel Carter, who was born in Loudon, married Rachel French, also of this township. The father, born January 18, 1812, and a farmer by occupation, married Eunice Elliott. She was born October 11, 1817, daughter of Samuel Elliott, a farmer and shoemaker of Loudon. Clark Carter died June 22, 1880. His widow now resides with their son Wyman on the homestead. Their other children were: Samuel C., the first-born; Clara Ann, who died at the age of two and one-half years; and Clara, born in October, 1860, who married A. Jenkins, a farmer and a butcher of Barnstead, N.H.

Samuel C. Carter was about thirty years old when he took charge of the old farm. On September 29, 1891, he married Ann Augusta French, of Loudon, who was born May 2, 1841. The grandparents of Mrs. Carter were Joshua and Sally (Sargent) French. Joshua French died in 1842. His son, Daniel S. French, a farmer and a cooper by trade, was twice married, first on September 12, 1833, to Ann Neal, of Loudon. She died November 19, 1839, at the age of twenty-eight, leaving two children, namely: Vienna Jane, born June 21, 1834, who died October 27, 1854; and Juliette, born December 19, 1835, who married Benjamin F. Maxfield, and now resides in

Loudon. The second marriage of Mr. French was contracted July 19, 1840, with Mrs. Mary Haynes, the widow of Calvin Haynes, whom she married April 27, 1837. She was born in Concord, May 11, 1808, daughter of Samuel Haynes, of Greenland, N.H., and his wife, Hannah (Bachelder) Haynes, of Loudon. Mrs. Carter is the only child of Mr. French's second wife.

After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Carter occupied the Stevens farm for about two years, and carried on the store and post-office. In 1894 they removed to their present home, known as the David French farm, which contains about ninety acres of land. Mr. Carter devotes his entire attention to general farming. He is a Democrat in politics. Mrs. Carter is a member of the Free Will Baptist church at the Centre, and takes an active interest in church work.

HON. JOHN C. LINEHAN.—"A hundred years after the Puritans and Pilgrims made a settlement on the coast of New England there came to this country a multitude of emigrants, mostly from the north of Ireland, who soon became absorbed into the ranks of the first settlers, and became the very best of citizens. In the contest for independence they rendered the most efficient services to the colonies, as they had previously done in protecting the frontiers from the inroads of the Indians. After another century, our doors having been opened wide for the reception of people from every country, there came to these shores a tide of emigration from Central and Southern Ireland, which seemed at one time as if it would depopulate the Emerald Isle. In numbers like the countless hosts of the Goths and Vandals who overran the Roman Empire, but pacific in their intentions, they sought in America homes for themselves and their children, where, under the flag and protection of the young republic, they could enjoy that liberty which had been denied them in their old home, and secure those advantages which thrift and industry offered in the New World.

"When the country of their adoption was in danger from organized rebellion, none hastened to its defence with more zeal and courage than these newly made citizens. In the baptism of blood that followed, the heterogeneous mass was welded into one great people."

One of these later emigrants was John Cornelius Linehan, the well-known Insurance Commissioner of New Hampshire, who was born in Macroom, Cork County, Ireland, on February 9, 1840, son of John and Margaret (Foley) Linehan. His paternal ancestors for four generations had been engaged in the milling and grain business. He came to this country with his mother, a brother, and two sisters, in October, 1849, his father having come two years previously. Locating with the family in Danbury, N.H., he there attended the public schools, and subsequently continued his studies at home under the direction of his father, who was a man of superior education. In May, 1852, he removed to Penacook, then known as Fisherville, finding employment in the spinning-room of H. H. & J. S. Brown's cotton-mill. He left that place in February, 1857, and entered Rolfe Brothers' sash, blind, and box factory, where he became foreman of the box department. August 16, 1861, he gave up his position, and enlisted as a member of the band attached to the Third New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, serving therein until he received his discharge. Mr. Linehan then entered the employ of Barron, Dodge & Co., flour manufacturers of Penacook, laboring a year as foreman of the packing department. Later he

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worked for the Caldwell & Amsden furniture company as shipping clerk, remaining with them until April, 1866. He then went into business in company with Henry F. Brown, under the firm name of Brown & Linehan, which partnership lasted until 1869. Mr. Linehan subsequently continued the business alone for twenty-two years. September 27, 1890, he was appointed by Governor D. H. Goodell Insurance Commissioner of New Hampshire for three years; in September, 1893, he was reappointed by Governor John B. Smith; and in October, 1896, was reappointed by Governor Charles A. Busiel.

In politics Mr. Linehan affiliates with the Republican party. He has been officially prominent, serving as a member of the Common Council of Concord in 1872 and 1873, member of the Board of Aldermen in 1877 and 1878, and in Governor Charles H. Sawyer's Council in 1887 and 1888. He became a Trustee of the State Industrial School in 1884, was for three years Secretary of the Board, and is at the present time its President. From 1885 to 1895 he was one of the Directors of the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association. He is a member of the New Hampshire Historical Society and of the Charitable Irish Society of Boston, and Treasurer-general of the American-Irish Historical Society. In June, 1887, he received the degree of Master of Arts from Dartmouth College in recognition of his literary labors. In religion he belongs to the old faith of his fatherland. One of his brothers, the Rev. T. P. Linehan, is pastor of the Catholic (Irish) parish of Biddeford, Me.

On January 2, 1864, Mr. Linehan married Miss Mary E. Pendergast, of Penacook. They have four children: Margaret A., a Sister of Mercy at Portland, Me.; John J., of Springfield, Mass.; Timothy P., of Newburyport, Mass.; and Henry F. Mr. Linehan is a member of W. I. Brown Post, No. 31, G. A. R., of Penacook, having officiated as its First Commander; he has twice served as delegate to the National Encampment from New Hampshire, in 1878 and 1879; was a member of the National Council of Administration in 1880 and 1881; Department Commander of New Hampshire G. A. R. in 1883 and 1884; President of the New Hampshire Veteran Association in 1885 and 1886; served on the National Pension Committee, G. A. R., from 1884 to 1888; and was unanimously chosen Vice-Commander-in-chief at St. Louis in 1887. He resides in Penacook, a suburb of Concord.

HIRAM N. HAYWARD, Librarian of the Silsby Free Public Library at Acworth, N.H., was born in this town, April 6, 1837. His parents, Joseph and Patty G. (Slader) Hayward, were also natives of Acworth.

His paternal grandfather, Jacob Hayward, was born in Bridgewater, Mass. From Mitchell's history of that early settled town in Plymouth County we learn that he was the third in direct line to bear the name of the Hebrew patriarch, and that he was the sixth in descent from Thomas Hayward, the immigrant progenitor, who was one of the original proprietors of Bridgewater. Nathaniel Hayward, son of Thomas, was the father of Benjamin, whose son, Deacon Jacob, born in 1712, had a son Jacob, born in 1738. This second Jacob Hayward married Joanna Snell, and, as the old record has it, "removed from town." The Acworth historian notes his coming to Acworth about 1788.

Jacob Hayward, third, who was by occupation a farmer, probably came here with his parents when a young man. He died July 5,

1836, survived by his wife, formerly Esther Finlay, of Londonderry, N.H., who died January 25, 1862. This couple had thirteen children: Betsey, Laura, Sally, Patty, Hiram, Polly, Harvey, Susan, Emeline, Joseph, Louisa, Nancy, and Fanny.

Joseph Hayward, Hiram N. Hayward's father, was born March 16, 1810. A lifelong resident of Acworth, he followed the pursuit of agriculture up to the time of his death, which took place June 11, 1888. His wife, who was born May 2, 1815, was a daughter of Thomas and Philharma (Grout) Slader. Mr. Slader also was a farmer. He died in 1865, having been three times married. Mrs. Hayward had two sisters — Betsey and Philharma. She died January 31, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hayward were the parents of eight children, Hiram N. being the eldest. The second child, Martha A., was born March 18, 1839, and died December 25, 1855; the third, Laura A., was born October 28, 1841, and died May 18, 1860; the fourth, Sylvanus A., born February 10, 1844, is a successful and popular teacher, living in West Harwich, Mass. He was married January 11, 1874, to Miss Alice Smith, and has two children: Warren L., born August 20, 1879; and Annie Louise, born October 27, 1883. The fifth child, Charles Jacob Hayward, born September 10, 1846, was founder, president, and principal of Hayward Commercial College at St. Louis, Mo., which was established in 1876. He died in December, 1893. On July 14, 1875, he was married to Alice C. Whitney, who now resides in Boston. The sixth child, Leavitt F., who was born September 13, 1850, succeeded his brother as president and principal of Hayward College. He married Miss Margaret Mooney. The seventh child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hayward, Lizzie Esther, born August 30, 1853, died February 7, 1889. She was the wife of S. L. Holden, of Charlestown, N.H., who is now in Wisconsin. The youngest child, Angie M., born January 5, 1867, is the wife of Abner G. Livingston, a farmer of Acworth.

Hiram N. Hayward acquired his education in the common schools of Acworth. He left home when he attained his majority, and worked at farming for some time; and he subsequently purchased his father's farm. In 1882 he moved to his present homestead, where he carries on agricultural pursuits. He has always taken an interest in educational matters, and given his aid to every worthy project calculated to advance the higher interests of the community. In 1892 he was appointed Librarian of the Silsby Library, of which he is also Treasurer and Trustee; and no more efficient or popular official could be found. The Silsby Library was the gift of Ithiel Homer Silsby, of Acworth, who was proprietor of the old Winthrop House in Boston, that was burned in 1866. The library is a beautiful structure of brick and marble; and the interior furnishings include twenty-eight life-size portraits of old leading citizens of Acworth, and a rare collection of stuffed birds. The library was dedicated in August, 1892.

Mr. Hayward was married October 16, 1862, to Ann S., daughter of Chapin Kidder and Pamelia (Graham) Brooks. She was born in Lunenburg, Vt., December 5, 1835. Mr. Brooks was born in Alstead, N.H., December 18, 1804. He was a farmer, shoemaker, merchant, and general manager of a shoe factory, and was what is called a forehanded man, being possessed of means beyond his immediate needs. He removed to Acworth in 1844, and died here, December 3, 1881. His wife, who was born in Rutland, Mass., March 15, 1814, died November 28, 1858. Mr. and

Mrs. Brooks had five children: Ann S. (Mrs. Hayward); Jane, wife of Freeman F. Hayward; William; John G.; and Henry A. William Brooks is a member of the firm of Prentiss, Brooks & Co., of Holyoke, Mass., wholesale dealers in grain, hay, and produce. He married Miss Nettie E. Keyes, of Lempster, N.H. John G. is a lecturer at Harvard College. He married Mrs. Helen Washburn, widow of Francis Washburn and daughter of Amos Lawrence. Henry A. Brooks, who was a surveyor, went West in 1870, and has not since been heard from. Mr. and Mrs. Hayward have no children. Mr. Hayward is an active and popular Republican. He has been Selectman ten years, Town Clerk four years, Town Treasurer two years, and is now a member of the School Board; and he was County Commissioner from 1887 to 1893, and in the legislature in 1880 and 1881. He is an active member of the Congregational church, to which his wife also belongs.

HON. EZRA SCOLLAY STEARNS, Secretary of the State of New Hampshire since 1891, came to that office superabundantly qualified to meet its most exacting requirements. He was born in Rindge, N.H., September 1, 1838, son of Samuel and Mary Fitch (Moore) Stearns, his father being a native of Brattleboro, Vt., and his mother of Sharon, N.H. Through his mother he is connected with the Fitch family, several members of which were men of distinction during the Colonial period. The family was of Scotch-Irish origin; and the city of Fitchburg, Mass., was named in honor of John Fitch, a descendant in the fourth generation of the original American ancestor. The Stearns family is of English origin. Daniel Stearns, grandfather of Ezra S., at first a resident of Cambridge, Mass., moved subsequently to Vermont. He served in Colonel Nixon's regiment from 1777 until the close of the Revolutionary War.

Ezra Scollay Stearns acquired the rudiments of his education in the public schools of Rindge. He then followed an advanced course of study at the Chester Institute at Chester, N.J., where he remained as a teacher for some time after his graduation. He subsequently became connected with publishing houses in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia; and at one time he was manager and editor of a newspaper in Fitchburg, Mass. After his return to his native State he became prominently identified with political affairs, and by his energy and ability advanced materially the interests of the Republican party there, his services doing much to perfect and strengthen the State organization. In 1864 he was elected to the New Hampshire House of Representatives, and was re-elected in 1865, 1866, 1867, and 1870. In 1887 and 1889 he was a member of the Senate. His work in both houses was characterized by the same energy and ability which had hitherto marked his career, and his committee assignments were important and laborious. He was quick to discern the merits or demerits of a measure; and as a debater his ready flow of language could, when necessary, be tinged with such biting satire as to penetrate and relentlessly expose every weak point in the most plausible arguments of his opponents. In 1891 Mr. Stearns was again a prominent figure among the members of the Lower House, and was chosen by his colleagues to fill the responsible position of Secretary of the State, to which also he was re-elected in 1893 and 1895. Entering upon his duties at a time when the department was unusually crowded with business, the act establishing the Australian sys-

tem of voting having recently become a law, the important task of introducing the measure and placing it in working order devolved upon him; and the success attending the first election under its provisions, which passed off without a single error, was due primarily to his systematic and business-like methods.

For more than twenty years Mr. Stearns has acted as Moderator of Rindge, and it is safe to say that no town in New Hampshire can boast of a more capable presiding officer at public meetings. As a writer he has acquired more than a local celebrity, being the author of a History of Rindge, published in 1876, and a History of Ashburnham, Mass., published in 1877, both of which are valuable for their historical accuracy and literary merit. He has also contributed historical sketches and other interesting matter to current publications. Mr. Stearns is a member of the Fitchburg Historical Society, the New Hampshire, the Minnesota, and the Wisconsin Historical Societies, the New England Historical Genealogical Society, and the American Antiquarian Association. He is a close student of literature; and the degree of Master of Arts, which was conferred upon him by Dartmouth College in 1887, is a merited tribute to his scholarly ability.

IRVING ALLISON WATSON, M.D., of Concord, born at Salisbury, this State, September 6, 1849, is a son of Porter Baldwin, born at Corinth, Vt., July 13, 1825, and Luvia E. (Ladd) Watson; grandson of Ithamar Watson, born at Weare, N.H., September 17, 1784; and great-grandson of Caleb Watson, born at Hampstead, N.H., December 6, 1760, who was a soldier in the Revolution. Having received his preliminary education in the common schools of New Hampshire and at the Newbury (Vt.) Seminary and Collegiate Institute, he commenced the study of medicine in 1868 with Dr. Cochrane, of Newbury, Vt., and continued it successively with his uncle, Dr. H. L. Watson, and Dr. A. B. Crosby, of New York. Then he attended lectures at Dartmouth Medical College and at the medical department of the University of Vermont, graduating a Doctor of Medicine from the latter institution in 1871. Afterward, in 1885, Dartmouth College conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts.

Immediately after graduating in medicine, Dr. Watson commenced practice at Groveton (Northumberland), N.H., where he remained ten years. In that period he was Superintendent of Schools for some years, in 1879 and 1881 he was in the State legislature, and he was surgeon to the Grand Trunk Railway. In the legislature he was largely instrumental in securing the passage of the act creating the State Board of Health. Of this body he was appointed a member; and at its organization in September, 1881, he was elected its Secretary and executive officer. In October of that year he removed to Concord, where he has since resided, still holding the office of Secretary and executive officer of the State Board of Health. In 1889, when this Board was also created a Board of Lunacy, the executive work of the latter devolved upon Dr. Watson. He is Registrar of the vital statistics of the State; President of the State Board of the Cattle Commissioners since its organization in 1891; has been Secretary of the American Public Health Association since 1883; was Vice-President of the International Conference of the State and Provincial Boards of Health in 1894; is a permanent member of the American Medical Association; honorary member of the Academia Nacional de Medicina de Mexico; was Assistant Secretary General of the

First Pan-American Medical Congress; member of the Société Française d'Hygiène of Paris; of the Medico-Legal Society of New York; of the New Hampshire Medical Society; of the Centre District (N.H.) Medical Society; of the New Hampshire Historical Society; and he is a registered pharmacist in the State of New Hampshire. December 12, 1884, he was appointed Surgeon, with rank of Major, of the Third Regiment, New Hampshire National Guard; and on May 20, 1889, he was promoted to the post of Medical Director, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, of the First Brigade, New Hampshire National Guard, which commission he resigned in 1894.

Dr. Watson has compiled and edited the New Hampshire Registration Reports since the year 1881; the reports of the State Board of Health of New Hampshire, fourteen volumes; and the reports of the Commissioners of Lunacy of New Hampshire, six volumes. He is the author of numerous papers and articles, published in these reports and in various sanitary and medical journals of the country, including: "Danger in the Use of Chloral Hydrate," *Philadelphia Medical and Surgical Reporter*, 1872; "An Epidemic of Diphtheria," Transactions of the New Hampshire Medical Society, 1879; "Sanitary Suggestions," *Ibid.*, 1882; "Water Pollution — Wells," *Ibid.*, 1883; "The Extent and Distribution of Consumption in New Hampshire," *Ibid.*, 1887; "Medicine in Mexico," *Ibid.*, 1892; "Address to the Graduating Class of Dartmouth Medical College," 1885: "Common Law Citations relating to Nuisances," Report of the State Board of Health of New Hampshire, 1882; "Milk from a Sanitary Standpoint," *Ibid.*, 1887; "Sanitary Survey of School-houses," *Ibid.*, 1887; "Our School-houses," *Ibid.*, 1888; "Historical and Other Facts regarding Vaccination," *Ibid.*, 1891; "Friere's Inoculations and the Yellow Fever Commission," *The Sanitarian*, April, 1886; "Tuberculosis: Its Prevalence, Communicability, and Prevention," read at the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, The Weirs, N.H., August 16, 1894, and published in the Transactions of the New Hampshire State Grange, 1894. He edited and published the *Sanitary Volunteer*, a monthly journal in the interests of healthful homes and communities, one year, 1889, Concord, N.H., Republican Press Association; and he was the editor and compiler of "Physicians and Surgeons of America," eight hundred and fifty pages, illustrated, 1896.

In 1891–92 Dr. Watson travelled extensively in Mexico and Central America. He is a Mason and a Knight Templar. In 1872 he married Miss Lena A., daughter of Gilman Farr, of Littleton, N.H., and has one child, Bertha M. Watson.

FRANK T. VAUGHAN, one of the younger lawyers of Newport, was born May 4, 1864, in Woodstock, Vt., son of Edwin and Elizabeth L. (Tenney) Vaughan. The father, who graduated at the Albany Law School, New York, followed the legal profession, and at the time of his death was Judge of Probate. Edwin Vaughan commenced his law practice in New York City; but in 1859 he removed to Claremont, N.H., and entered into partnership with Colonel Alexander Gardner. In 1861 he enlisted in the New Hampshire Battalion of the First Rhode Island Volunteer Cavalry, and was afterward transferred to the First New Hampshire Cavalry, with the rank of Captain. He remained in the service throughout the late war, acting at one time as Provost Marshal.

After he was honorably discharged from the army, he again located in Claremont, and was thereafter engaged in his profession until 1869. In that year he was appointed United States Consul to Canada, a post which he efficiently filled for twelve years. Upon his return to Claremont he was made Judge of Probate, and he afterward served as Representative to the State legislature. He was largely interested in educational matters, was liberal in religion, and he was a member in good standing of the A. F. & A. M. He died December 18, 1890. He and his wife had three children. One died in infancy; and Charles Edwin died at the age of twelve years, from the injuries resulting from the kick of a horse. The mother still survives.

Frank T. Vaughan spent twelve years of his early life with his father in Canada, where he received his early education. After graduating from the St. Johnsbury Academy in 1882, he immediately entered Dartmouth College, from which he duly graduated in the class of 1886. The next two years were spent in civil engineering on the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska. Returning East in 1888, on account of his father's feeble health, he began to read law in the office of the Hon. Ira Colby. He was subsequently admitted to the New Hampshire bar in March, 1892. In the preceding year he had received the degree of Master of Arts from Dartmouth College. He took a trip to the World's Fair in June, 1893. From Chicago he went to Junction City, Kan., and was there engaged in the practice of law and in a real estate and insurance business for a short time. He came back to New Hampshire in 1894; and in October of the same year he removed to Newport, where he has since resided.

In 1892, June 1, Mr. Vaughan married Lottie B. Williamson, of Hartford, Vt., daughter of B. Williamson. She was educated at Randolph Normal School, and afterward taught school very successfully in South Berwick, Me., and in Claremont. She is now the mother of two children, namely: Mabel E., born November 27, 1893; and Edwin C., born March 16, 1896. Mr. Vaughan is a Congregationalist and a chorister of the local society. In politics he is a Republican. Besides attending to his legal practice, he serves in the capacity of Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, and Coroner. He is a member of K. of P., No. 43, of Newport, No. 10, Currier Company, Uniform Rank, K. of P.

GEORGE E. DAVIS, a prominent farmer of Northfield and a native of Acworth, N.H., was born April 30, 1839, son of Oliver and Harriett Elizabeth (Moore) Davis. The father, a native of Acworth, removed to Surry, and later to Lempster, which was the home of his wife. In Lempster he was engaged in farming until his death in 1881. His wife, Elizabeth, died at Manchester in 1885. Henry J. Davis, the first-born of their nine children, was a surgeon in the army, and died at Baltimore. George E., the subject of this sketch, was their second son. His brother, Jefferson, was a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, and preached in Franklin, where he died in July of 1896. Charles B., the fourth son, who served in the Civil War, and received injuries while so doing, now resides in Franklin, and is married to Katie Blackburne. Lucy, the first daughter, died when young. William is now deceased. Frank Barnard, who is a farmer and lives in Lempster, successively married Rose Libby and her sister, Mrs. Hattie (Libby) Page. Abbie also died when young. Lizzie Davis, the youngest child, was

first married to Charles Tandy, and had one child, Guy. After Mr. Tandy's death she married Benjamin Kimball, and now lives near Franklin.

At the age of nine years George E. Davis went to the home of an uncle in Acworth, N.H., where he subsequently spent two years working for his board. At the end of that time he went to Lempster, worked in a store for two years and on different farms for seven months, attending the district schools in the winter. Going to Unity then, he engaged in farm work there for some time. At the age of twenty-one years he went to live with Ezra J. Glidden, of Unity, where he remained ten years. He then came to Northfield. On March 5, 1868, Mr. Davis was married to Miss Hester Simons, a seminary graduate, and a daughter of Joseph Simons, of Northfield, who is now deceased. She died in June, 1884; and in the year 1886 Mr. Davis married Mrs. Etta Mary Davis, the widow of his brother William, and a daughter of Sumner and Emily (Booth) Eaton, both of Lempster. Mrs. Eaton is deceased. Mr. Eaton resides in Lempster with his son-in-law. By her marriage with William Davis, Mrs. Etta Davis had four children, of whom the only survivor is Lillian Ethel, born October 11, 1877, who lives with her mother, and is a teacher. By George Davis she has a daughter, Nina G., who lives with her parents.

After his first marriage Mr. Davis settled on the farm where he now lives, and which was known as the Joseph Kimball place. He has greatly improved the estate, and it is now named very appropriately Mountain View Farm. For five years Mr. Davis managed a milk route to Tilton, and he has also sent milk to Boston. On his farm of eighty acres he keeps about ten cows, and does considerable dairy business, besides carrying on general farming. He has always been a hard worker and a conscientious citizen. Originally, he was a Democrat; but he would not vote for Horace Greeley, and thereafter he voted the Republican ticket. Mr. Davis is a Mason in Doric Lodge, No. 78, at Tilton, and is a member of the society of Pilgrim Fathers. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Tilton, and are actively interested in church work.

LUTHER L. MASON, a prominent farmer and dairyman of Hill, Merrimack County, N.H., was born in this town, on the place where he now resides, July 28, 1850, son of Milton and Judith J. (Young) Mason. His great-grandfather, Josiah, who was born in Rowley, Mass., came to Hill from Salisbury at an early date, when this section was still a wilderness. He, Josiah, was accompanied by his two sons: Ebenezer, grandfather of Luther L.; and Josiah, second. Selecting this location, together they built a log cabin on a part of the farm now used as a pasture. Later, after some land had been cleared, and when crops were growing plentifully, they built a board house on the site of the residence now occupied by George H. Cilley and Ebenezer Mason, who is the brother of Milton and the oldest surviving descendant of the original Josiah. Ebenezer Mason, son of Josiah, first, died in the house he had built in 1847. His wife, Sarah (Fifield) Mason, was a daughter of Obadiah Fifield, who, with the first Josiah Mason, was a Revolutionary soldier. They were the parents of six children — Lucia, Milton, Laura, Ebenezer, Luther, and Shure. The only surviving member of that generation is Ebenezer, who lives on the old homestead, as mentioned above.

Milton Mason, now deceased, studied in the district schools, and soon after went to Waltham, Mass., where he lived about fifteen years. Returning at the end of that time to his native town, he married Judith J. Young, and bought a farm adjoining the Mason farm. Here he built a fine collection of farm buildings, and spent his last days. He died at the age of seventy-seven years, respected by all who knew him. He had held all the town offices. His wife died in her sixty-second year. Of their seven children two are deceased. Eliza, the wife of the Rev. W. S. Morrill, lives in Wilmot; Frank, who married Victoria Tyrrell, lives in Franklin; Sarah, now Mrs. Horace J. Campbell, resides at Hill; and Emma J. is unmarried, and lives with her brother.

Luther L. Mason, the fourth surviving child of Milton, was educated in the public schools. He has followed the occupation of a farmer. After attaining his majority he went to Iowa, where he remained for about a year. Coming East again, he worked for a short time in Manchester. Then he settled on the farm where he now resides. While carrying on general farming, he makes a specialty of dairying, keeping a large number of cows, and producing on the average about one hundred and forty pounds of butter per week.

On March 15, 1877, Mr. Mason married Mrs. Martha S. Mason, of this town, a daughter of Stephen Nelson, and the widow of George C. Mason. By her first husband she is the mother of Harry R. Mason, now living in Dorchester, Mass.; and by her present husband, of Lillian B. and Belle. Luther L. Mason served on the School Board and the Board of Selectmen of Hill for four years each. He is Master of the grange, while his whole family are active and interested members. All are likewise members of the Christian Church of Hill Centre. In politics Mr. Mason was formerly a Republican, and he cast his first Presidential vote for General Grant in 1872. Of late years, however, he has felt it his duty to vote the Prohibition ticket.

JOHN W. JEFTS, a machinist by trade, but who for the past nine years has been successfully engaged in farming in the town of Langdon, was born here, December 4, 1859, son of Alphonso M. and Almira (Clough) Jefts. The genealogy of the Jefts family is traced to England, from which country, on some date between 1620 and 1638, the American progenitor emigrated to Massachusetts, and settled in Billerica. His immediate descendants continued to reside in that State for some years. Jonathan, the great-grandfather of John W. Jefts, was the first of the name to come to New Hampshire. He settled in the town of Mason, where he afterward died. Hosley Jefts, the grandfather, was born in Mason. In early manhood he settled in Langdon, and afterward became a prosperous farmer and an influential citizen. He married Abigail Green, and they became the parents of seven children; namely, Harriet, Indiana, Caroline, Rockazna, Albert, Alphonso M., and Eli.

Alphonso M. Jefts, born in Antrim, N.H., in March, 1815, was over seventy-six years of age when he died, June 18, 1891. He followed the occupation of a farmer, first in Putney, Vt., which was his home for a number of years. Later he moved to Langdon, where he resided for forty years, and acquired a goodly property. He served his town as Road Surveyor for a score of years. Almira, his wife, who was born in Westmoreland, N.H., De-

cember 25, 1815, was a daughter of John Clough, of Stamford, Vt. She bore him nine children, namely: Mason, now deceased, who was a successful farmer of Alstead, N.H., and married Clarista Clark; Maria, who is the wife of Benjamin Wales, a broker in Taunton, Mass., and has two children; Abigail and Harriet, who died young; May P., a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, who is now principal of the Worcester High School, in which city she has taught for fifteen years, making a specialty of languages; Mara A., who is the widow of Lester Sprague, formerly a hardware merchant of Hartford, has one child, May A., now the wife of Chauncey Brainard, of Putney, Vt.; Fred F., now a paper manufacturer in Carthage, N.Y., who married Carrie Adams, of Rockingham, Vt., and has one child, Clyde A.; Charles A., born January 27, 1853, in Putney, who graduated from Fort Edward College, New York, in the class of 1874, and now carries on the old homestead, besides doing a brokerage business; and John W., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Sprague lives with Charles in Langdon.

John W. Jefts attended the schools of Langdon, Marlow Academy of Marlow, N.H., Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass., and Amherst College, intending to fit himself for the ministry. Finding that his views were not in accord with the profession he had chosen, and that he could not conscientiously carry out its requirements, he went to Gardner, Mass., and learned the trade of machinist, in which he became an expert workman. This failing health subsequently compelled him to abandon; and nine years ago he purchased his present farm in Langdon, and he has since devoted his attention to agriculture. He is a member of the United Order of Workmen. In religion he is an Episcopalian. Mr. Jefts married Miss Harriet E. Simpson, of Langdon who on her father's side is a cousin of the late General U. S. Grant.

CURTIS WHITE, a retired carpenter of Concord, was born at Bow, N.H., April 4, 1861, son of Daniel White, of that place. The grandfather, Isaac White, who was an early settler of Bow, went there from Pembroke, and converted a grant of land into a good farm home for himself and his family. Daniel, the youngest son, was a blacksmith and stone worker. He purchased a farm opposite his father's, and there carried on stone work as well as some farming. His death occurred March 16, 1825, after a lingering and painful illness, in the course of which he was obliged to undergo several and painful surgical operations. He married Mary Carter, daughter of Moses Carter, of the old Concord family of that name. They had three children besides Curtis. William, the eldest, died in October, 1826. Their daughter, Mary Ann, is also deceased; and the second son, Daniel C., is a practising dentist in Alton, Ill.

Curtis White, who was the second-born of his parents' children, followed various lines of business throughout his active period. After leaving the district school, he worked at farming for a time. He also did some blacksmithing and carpentry, and for a while he was employed in a saw and grist mill. For many years Mr. White was a carpenter in Concord, and for about ten years he was engaged in carriage-building in this city. In the spring of 1891 he retired from business, and took a trip to California, where he remained until March of the following year. Mr. White has always been considered a good financier.

Mr. White was united in matrimony with Hannah Buntin, a daughter of Benjamin

Buntin, of Bow. She died June 16, 1888. His only child, Anna, now the wife of Josiah E. Fernald, the Cashier of the National State Capital Bank, has four children — Edith, Mary, Ruth, and Josiah. Mr. White served on the Concord Board of Assessors for twenty-six years in succession. He was Selectman of his ward for twelve years, Common Councillor for one year, and Alderman for two years. A prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, he is Past Grand Chancellor; and he has been Grand Master of Exchequer of that organization for the last fourteen years. He is also Past Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Chief Patriarch of the encampment, and is a member of both grand bodies. Mr. White is a member of the First Baptist Church of Concord and a well-known Republican voter.

CHARLES H. COURSER, a retired business man of Henniker, was born in Boscawen, now Webster, N.H., May 19, 1827, son of John and Keziah (Shepard) Courser. The first ancestors of the family were English. His grandfather, John Courser, was a resident of Merrimack County. The father passed the greater part of his life in Boscawen, and died there at the age of ninety-two years. The mother, who was a daughter of John Shepard, a native of Derry, N.H., lived to be eighty-two. Of her children the only survivor is Charles H.

Charles H. Courser passed his boyhood in attending school and assisting upon the farm. When about seventeen years old he was apprenticed to the trade of carpenter and millwright. After serving for three years he was employed as a journeyman carpenter and millwright in Boscawen. In 1853 he came to Henniker, and, securing the site of an old privilege, erected a saw and grist mill, and conducted them for fourteen years. He then sold them, and erected in Newport, N.H., another mill, which he sold before it was completed. Soon after, in Pittsfield, N.H., he bought a mill which he rebuilt and operated for nine years, but still resided in Henniker. When his former mill in this town was subsequently offered for sale, he and his son, Fitz H. Courser, bought the property, built a saw-mill upon the opposite side of the river, on the site of the present shoe factory, and were thereafter engaged in custom grinding and the manufacture of short lumber until the retirement of the father some six years ago. His original mill was destroyed by fire about a year ago, and a flouring-mill has since been erected there. He invested in timber lands quite extensively, and has some valuable tracts at the present time. He was also engaged in building. He owns and occupies the Robert M. Wallace estate of thirty acres, located at the west end of the village. Since he acquired the property he has rebuilt the residence.

On November 9, 1848, Mr. Courser was united in marriage with Mary Jane Blanchard, who was born in Boscawen, daughter of Amos and Susan Blanchard. His family consists of six children — Fitz H., Evander A., Helen Frances, Almon E., Charles Edgar, and Grace. Fitz H., who is in the livery business in Henniker, is married and has two children — Harry and Arthur; Evander A. is in the express business in Concord, is married, and has one daughter, Rachel; Helen Frances married Joseph M. Hollowood, who was for thirteen years Postmaster of Brockton, Mass.; Almon E., who is in the employ of the Boston & Maine Railroad and resides at home, wedded Minnie Brown; Charles Edgar, a fireman of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and a resident of Henniker, married Emily Pritchard, of

Hillsborough, N.H., and has one daughter, Linda May. Politically, Mr. Courser is a Republican. He has been quite active in local affairs, and he served with ability as Road Agent.

GEORGE WALLINGFORD, a prosperous business man of Claremont in the last generation, was born in Dublin, N.H., July 17, 1808, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Hildreth) Wallingford. The first ancestor, Nicholas Wallingford, settled in Bradford, Mass., in 1672. David Wallingford, of the third generation descended from Nicholas, was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. Born September 25, 1744, he went to the war from Hollis, N.H., was a minute-man, served in four companies under Captains Dow, Towns, Emerson, and Goss, and took part in the battles of Bunker Hill and Bennington. His son Ebenezer, who was born October 5, 1780, came to Claremont about seventy years ago. By his wife, Mary, who was born in Dublin, Ebenezer became the father of eight children, as follows: Elvira, born August 24, 1804, who died October 5, 1884; Mary, born August 10, 1806, who died March 1, 1870; George, born July 17, 1808, who died July 18, 1863; Sarah, born May 27, 1810, who died March 10, 1894; Philander, born June 6, 1812, who became a Methodist minister, and died August 6, 1887; Elizabeth, born September 8, 1814, who died May 5, 1836; Frances, born September 23, 1816, who died August 14, 1848; and Catharine, born February 1, 1819.

At the age of nineteen years George Wallingford came to Claremont, and there resided throughout the rest of his life. While he was a machinist by trade, he found it to his interest to engage in carriage ironing. Later in life he went into the grocery business, which he afterward followed successfully for many years. His death took place July 18, 1863. He married Helen P. Hitchcock, whose children by him were: Henry, born April 12, 1839; and Stella J., born September 22, 1843. Mrs. Wallingford, who survives her husband, is a member of an old and interesting family of Claremont. Her grandfather, Ichabod Hitchcock, the first of the name in this town, came here about the year 1770. Ichabod cleared some land situated a mile north of the village, built on it a house — for he was a carpenter by trade — and returned to New Haven, Conn., for his family. With them came a little party of adventurous spirits under his leadership, finding their way by marked trees to the little spot in the wilderness which he had chosen. On the journey, which lasted fourteen days, the furniture was carried in ox carts. The women rode on horseback, Ichabod's wife carrying a baby in her arms; and the men travelled on foot. Ichabod helped in the erection of Union Church; and he was the master builder of the town hall, which he afterward took apart, and removed to the village. During the Revolution he was officially serving the town in the capacity of Sheriff and in other offices. At that time, having been misrepresented to the authorities as a Tory, he was arrested, tried, and honorably acquitted. He married Rebecca Pardee, who was born March 2, 1754, and whose grandparents came from France. Rebecca had three sisters, one of whom married Benjamin Tyler, another married Asa Jones, and the third became the wife of Ebenezer Sperry. Her children by Ichabod Hitchcock were: Samuel, born September 30, 1774, who died July 25, 1777; Hannah, born April 5, 1776, who died August 3, 1777; Hannah (second), born June 10, 1778, who died February 3, 1812; Samuel, born June 2, 1780, who died November 4, 1857; Lyman, born February 21,

1782, who died February 17, 1787; Ransom A., born May 15, 1784, who died August 19, 1795; Amos, born November 2, 1786, who died August 9, 1873; Reubah, born November 2, 1788, who died July 5, 1795; Esther, born October 11, 1791, who died September 22, 1793; Reubah (second), born May 2, 1795; who died September 25, 1799; and Esther, born June 25, 1798, who died July 18, 1798.

Amos Hitchcock married Philenia Felt, who, born May 3, 1790, died December 20, 1872. She was a daughter of Eliphalet Felt, who was a Revolutionary soldier, and Lona (Witherel) Felt. Her brothers and sisters were: Charles, John, James, Eunice, Warren, Obadiah, Eleutheria, and Wells. She was the mother of Henry A. Hitchcock, born in Claremont, September 11, 1815, who was a prominent citizen of Walpole, Selectman of Walpole, represented the town in the legislature for some time, and was State Senator for the Tenth District in 1872 and 1873; of Helen P., born January 16, 1817, who married George Wallingford; of Mortimer, who died at the age of five; of Alexander Vietts, born November 4, 1821, who for several years was the Registrar of Deeds for Sullivan County, and for one year the Representative of Newport in the legislature; and of Lona Rebecca, who was the youngest. The last four children were born in Rockingham, Vt.

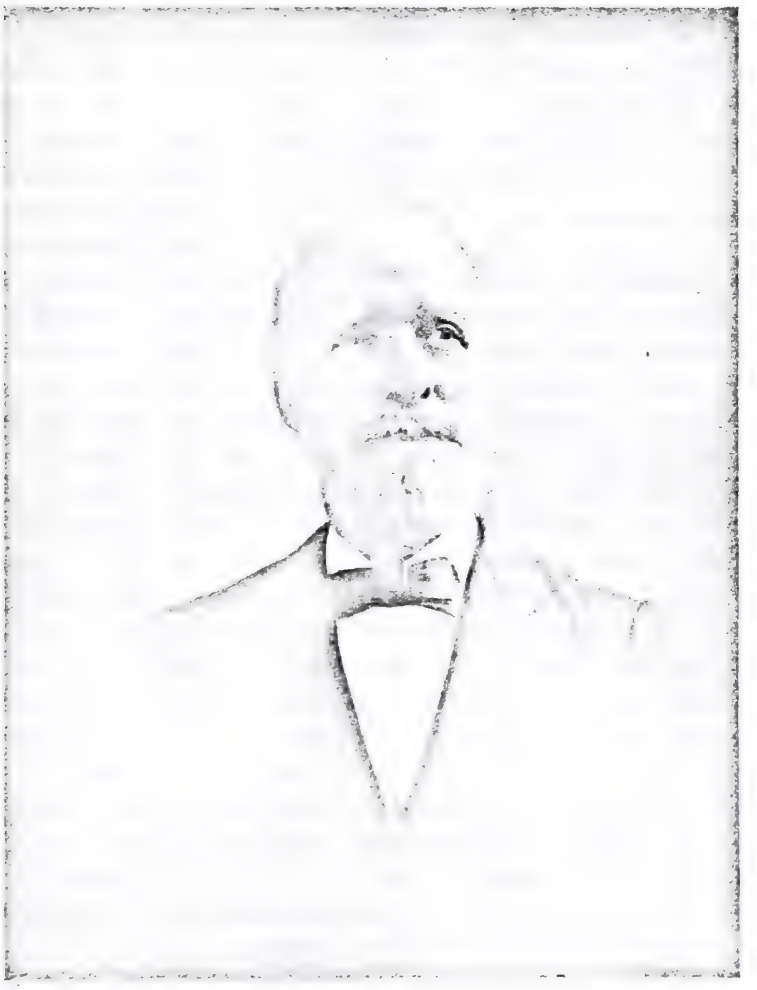
ABRAHAM GATES JONES, a well-known gentleman of Concord, N.H., formerly engaged in the printing business, but now retired from active business affairs, was born in the town of Bow, five miles south of this city, October 21, 1827, son of Philip and Sarah M. (Gates) Jones. His paternal ancestors for many years were residents of Merrimack County, while the maternal progenitors came from Massachusetts.

Philip Jones, father of the subject of this sketch, was the son of Joseph Jones, and was a merchant in Hookset. He died on January 26, 1836. His wife, Sarah M. Gates, was a daughter of the Rev. Abraham Gates, a clergyman, who came to New Hampshire from Massachusetts, and after staying a short time in Claremont settled at Bow, where he bought a farm, the same on which his grandson and namesake was born.

Abraham G. Jones was left fatherless at the early age of eight years. In 1839 he came to Concord, where he attended the public schools, and subsequently the academy, from which he was graduated in 1844. He soon entered the service of Isaac Hill & Sons, editors and publishers of *Hill's New Hampshire Patriot*, remaining in their employ about two years. Thence onward until 1854 he was a journeyman printer in various offices. In that year he formed a partnership with P. B. Cogswell in the printing business. Four years later he sold out to Mr. Cogswell, who, in 1893, became Mayor of the city. Mr. Jones, in 1859, went into partnership with Fogg & Hadley, editors and publishers of the *Independent Democrat*, the association continuing for eight years. From 1867 to 1870 he was in business alone; since that time he has lived retired from the arena of typographic and journalistic activity.

In politics, Mr. Jones affiliates with the Republican party. Officially, he has served as Councilman, Alderman, and Road Commissioner; and in 1870 and 1871 was Mayor of Concord. During his administration there was a severe contest over the question of the introduction of water into the city, which was finally brought about by his persistent efforts.

On June 10, 1856, Mr. Jones was married



ABRAHAM G. JONES.

to Helen A. Edmunds, of Manchester, N.H. They have two children: Anna E., wife of W. H. Durant, of Concord; and Isabel G., who is at home.

JEREMIAH A. CLOUGH, Representative of Loudon in the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, November 22, 1846, son of Abner and Sarah (Hazelton) Clough. Abner Clough, the paternal grandfather, who was a native of Canterbury, removed to Loudon, and settled on a farm near his grandson, residing here for the remainder of his life. Abner Clough, second, father of Jeremiah, was brought up to farming, which occupation he followed through life. He settled on the farm now owned by the subject of this sketch, and cultivated it until his death, which occurred in 1890. He and his wife, Sarah, had three children: Lucy, who died when about twenty-one years old; Abial H., who married Abbie Ladd, and died in 1893, his widow being now a resident of Loudon; and Jeremiah A. The mother now makes her home with her son Jeremiah. She is a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

Jeremiah A. Clough was educated in the common schools and at Pittsfield Academy. Remaining with his parents, he devoted himself to agriculture, and has been very successful in his chosen occupation. His farm consists of about four hundred acres, most of which is under cultivation; and it has been much improved since coming into his possession. Mr. Clough carries on general farming and stock-raising, keeping about forty to fifty head of cattle. Recognized by his fellow-townsmen as a well-informed, enterprising, and capable citizen, he was chosen by them as Selectman, in which office he served three years; County Commissioner, in which he served four years; and Town Treasurer, in which he served two years. As above stated, he is now (1897) Representative from his town to the legislature. He is a Democrat politically, and has faithfully served the public interests in whatever office he has held. He is a member of the grange, and has a large acquaintance throughout Merrimack County.

In 1876 Mr. Clough married Miss Nellie Peverly, of Canterbury, N.H., daughter of George Peverly, a present resident of Loudon. They have no children.

HORACE CHILDS, a pioneer railroad bridge builder in New England, is a prominent resident of Henniker, Merrimack County, N.H. He was born in this town, August 10, 1807, son of Solomon, Jr., and Mary (Long) Childs. He is a lineal descendant of William Childs or Child, a brother of Ephraim Child, who emigrated from England, and settled in Watertown, Mass., in 1630. The family, which was a notable one in England, sustained the dignity of a coat of arms. William Child was made a freeman at Watertown in 1634, and became a landowner there. His son John was conspicuous in the public affairs of Watertown. He died at the age of forty years. The third in this line was John Childs, Jr., son of John and Mary (Warren) Child; and the fourth, his son Jonathan, born in Watertown in 1696, who settled in Grafton, Mass., where he died in 1787, in the ninety-second year of his age.

From the "Genealogy of the Child, Childs, and Childe Families," by Elias Child, published in 1881, chapter viii., relating to the Watertown branch, we learn that Jonathan Child married in 1729 Abigail Parker, and had eight children, the eldest, Josiah, born in 1730, the youngest, Joseph, born in 1753.

The fifth was a daughter, Ruth, born in 1740, and the sixth, Solomon, born January 31, 1744. The same record of Jonathan Child's family is in the History of Grafton, Mass., except that the year of the birth of Solomon is there given as 1743. The History of Henniker names Solomon as the "son of Josiah and Ruth Childs." If the foregoing record be correct, he was younger brother of Josiah, and Ruth was a sister. Josiah, son of Jonathan, it may be mentioned, married Elizabeth Ball in 1755, and in 1760 settled in Upton, Mass.

Solomon Childs, grandfather of Horace, was born in Grafton, January 3, 1743. He wedded Martha, daughter of Elijah Rice, of Westboro, Mass., on April 16, 1767, and shortly afterward settled in Henniker, where he cleared and improved the farm that is now occupied by his grandson, Carlos Childs. He lived to see the town become a prosperous farming community; and his death occurred February 27, 1827.

His son Solomon, father of Horace Childs, was born in Henniker in 1781. He attained considerable prominence as a builder in his day, being employed for some five years in erecting the factories in Dover, N.H.; and he was highly respected as a genial, courteous, and eminently worthy citizen. He was exceedingly vigorous throughout his active period; and when over eighty years of age he walked from Manchester to Henniker, a distance of twenty-seven miles. Solomon Childs, second, died October 19, 1865. His first wife, Mary Long, whom he married September 21, 1806, was a native of Hopkinton, N.H. She died in 1823. His second wife, Lucinda, daughter of William and Mary (Heaton) Childs, died January 20, 1852. His first wife was the mother of eleven children; and Horace, the subject of this sketch, is the eldest. Enoch, who was graduated at Yale University, went to Montgomery, Ala., where he established an academy, which he conducted for six years, and then returned North. He was for some time in the government service in Washington, after which he was interested in railway construction in New Hampshire. He died in Henniker in 1880. Mary Long Childs, a sister of Horace, became a school teacher, and later married Asa Whitney, of Henniker. Her last years were spent with her daughter, Sarah M., wife of Eugene Brooks, of Cambridgeport, Mass., where she died June 1, 1896.

Horace Childs remained at home, and assisted in carrying on the farm until he was sixteen years old. He then accompanied his father to Great Falls, N.H., where he worked upon the factories; and later he was similarly employed in Dover. While working in the latter place his father decided to send him home to attend school, and fitting him out with clothing gave him a dollar to pay his stage fare. Young Horace, however, decided to walk, and seems to have kept on travelling afoot until he reached Hopkinton. He continued to follow the carpenter's trade; and after reaching his majority he found employment in various places. While working in Claremont, N.H., he was stricken with typhoid fever, making it necessary for his sister Mary to leave her school in Hopkinton, in order to care for him during his illness. After his recovery he was persuaded by her and his brother Enoch to attend Hopkinton Academy, and he paid the expenses of his three years' course by devoting his leisure time to following his trade.

It was while thus engaged that he first became associated with his cousin, Colonel Stephen Long, of the United States Army. The Colonel had brought his family to Hop-

kinton, and Horace Childs found an opportunity to board with his cousin, paying his way by making some repairs upon the house. Colonel Long had acquired a patent for a new plan of constructing bridges, and, having confidence in his young kinsman's ability, desired him to take charge of one of his contracts. Mr. Childs accepted the proposition, and constructed his first bridge in Haverhill. He next took the contract to build some bridges for the New Haven & Hartford Railway Company, paying Colonel Long a royalty upon his patents; and in these operations he made considerable profit. At this time a party in Springfield, Mass., patented improved plans; and in order to compete Mr. Childs was obliged to design one still better, which he succeeded in doing. For several years he was busily engaged in building bridges for railway companies in New England, and also for the Erie Road in New York State. He realized substantial profits; and upon one occasion, by a sudden fall in the price of iron, he made ten thousand dollars outside of his contract. He constructed a railroad bridge at Manchester, N.H., taking stock in the road as part payment, but had the misfortune to fracture his leg while filling the contract. This accident so interfered with his work that he decided to refrain from taking large contracts in the future, and from that time until his retirement he devoted his attention to work nearer home. His last operation was the construction of the bridge over the Contoocook River at Henniker; and, having here closed his unusually active career as a bridge builder, he settled in Henniker, where he has since resided. He has taken an active interest in educational matters, having assisted many deserving young men in securing the advantages of higher learning. In 1836 he was chosen by his fellow-townsmen to arrange for the establishment of an academy; and, as the site chosen by him was accepted, he took the contract to erect the building, and was one of the incorporators.

In 1831 he united with the Congregational church, of which he has since remained a member, and for upward of forty years has served as Deacon. He has not only contributed generously toward its support, but, in company with Fayette Conner, he stood the entire expense of repairing the building, and made up a deficiency in paying for an organ. Early in the fifties, while journeying from Boston to Concord upon a train which was also conveying President-elect Franklin Pierce and family, an accident occurred near Andover, Mass., in which a little son of Mr. Pierce was killed, and Mr. Childs was picked up for dead. He was spared, however, and permitted to continue the good work in the way of charity and benevolence which has characterized his whole life. He has been actively identified with religious matters in this section for considerably more than half a century, and is a life member of the American Board of Foreign Missions. In politics he is a Republican.

On January 11, 1837, Mr. Childs was joined in marriage with Matilda R. Taylor, daughter of John and Sally (Jones) Taylor, of Lempster. She is a descendant of William Taylor, who came to America in 1642; and her ancestral line continues, it is said, through William (second), Abraham, Deacon Samuel, to her father's father. The Taylor family have been somewhat noted for longevity. Mrs. Childs's father died at ninety-two, and an uncle at ninety-six. The Rev. Oliver Swain Taylor, who died in Auburn, N.Y., in February, 1885, aged one hundred years and four months, was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1809, with the degree of Doctor of Medi-

cine. In November, 1815, he was appointed to accompany missionaries to Ceylon, but did not go. He was ordained a minister at the age of sixty-three years. Mrs. Childs was carefully educated, being a pupil in her girlhood at the academy in Ipswich, Mass., then a flourishing institution of learning under the charge of Miss Grant; and for ten years she was engaged in teaching.

JOSEPH WILKINS, a resident of Pembroke and a veteran of the Civil War, was born May 24, 1844, son of Jeremiah Hall and Mary (Thompson) Wilkins. He is not only a representative of an old New Hampshire family, but a lineal descendant of ancestors who were first settlers in this country. Bray Wilkins, who came from Wales, Brecknock County, was a descendant of Lord John Wilkins, who belonged to a family that traced their lineage back to 1090 and had borne many honorable titles. Lord John was a connection of the Bishop Wilkins who married the sister of the Protector, Oliver Cromwell. Bray, at the age of twenty, is supposed to have come to this country in the same ship with Endicott, about 1630, and to have first settled in Dorchester, Mass. Before 1659 he bought from Governor Richard Bellingham seven hundred acres of land called Wills Hill, which in 1661 was within Salem's six-mile limit. He died in 1702, a patriarchal land-owner, amidst the farms and homes of his sons and daughters.

The portion of Bray's son, John Wilkins, was situated in Danvers, Mass. John, son of John, who was born about 1689, went with his wife, Mary Goodale Wilkins, and two sons to Marlboro, Mass., in 1740. His eldest son, Josiah Wilkins, married Lois Bush, whose grandparents settled in Marlboro in 1690. Of Josiah's five sons, the third, Jonathan, born in 1755, graduated at Harvard College, studied theology, and was called to preach at the old South Parish, Concord, N.H., in 1789. He married Sarah Hall, whose grandfather, Deacon Joseph Hall, was one of Concord's first settlers. Deacon Hall was granted eleven lots in the lower range in 1725, built his house, which was used as the garrison for many years. He is recorded as owning the second chaise and clock in Concord. The house was inherited by his grand-daughter, Sarah Hall, who occupied it during her lifetime. She had thirteen children, who all grew up and married.

Jeremiah Hall Wilkins at the early age of eighteen left his home and settled in Pembroke, where he was engaged in the grocery and dry-goods trade for forty years. Being an able and successful merchant, he acquired considerable property. As a leading resident he was long identified with local public affairs, and in 1820 he represented his town in the legislature. In politics he was a Republican, and for many years he acted as a Justice of the Peace. He was very proud of his grandmother, Esther Whittemore Hall, whose ancestor settled in Charlestown in 1642; also of Deborah Abbot Hall, whose grandfather, George Abbot, of Andover, was an ancestor of his. Mary Thompson Wilkins was a lineal descendant of the Poore and Noyes families of Old Newbury, Mass., who settled there before 1650. She became the mother of fourteen children, of whom five are now living. Of these Mary E. Wilkins married Dr. John Sullivan, a great-great-grandson of General Sullivan of Revolutionary fame; and Harriet married Dr. Frederick E. Potter, who for fourteen years was a surgeon in the United States Navy, and is now a successful physician in Portsmouth, N.H. The rest are: Francis, who

resides in Boston; Henry, who served in the Civil War; and the subject of this sketch.

Joseph Wilkins was educated in the common schools and at the Pembroke Academy. He started in life as a clerk in a store in Concord, then went to Sycamore, Ill., where he resided for a year. At the expiration of that time he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-second Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil War. He served for five months in Kentucky and Tennessee, where his regiment was engaged in a campaign against the Confederate guerillas. After his discharge from the army he went to New York City, where he learned photography. From there he went to Hyde Park, Mass., where he conducted a studio for a time. Then for a year he carried on the same business in Nashua, N.H. In 1873 he returned to Pembroke, and some time later he engaged in a mercantile business which he has since carried on in connection with photography. He takes a large number of views annually, which find a ready sale; and his efforts have been attended with excellent financial results. He is also interested in real estate to some extent. He owns some valuable property in the South, and is regarded as one of the most prosperous residents of Pembroke at the present time. The family in all its branches have been connected with the Congregational church. Mr. Wilkins is a comrade of Post Lewis Bell, No. 3, G. A. R., of Manchester, and in politics is a Republican.

On June 23, 1897, he married Lora J. Emery, of Suncook, N.H.

WALTER SCOTT DAVIS, a mill-owner, manufacturer, and inventor, a successful business man of Hopkinton, Merrimack County, N.H., was born in the adjacent town of Warner, July 29, 1834, a son of Nathaniel A. and Mary (Clough) Davis. His paternal ancestry he traces as follows: Captain Francis Davis, called "the pioneer," was born in Amesbury, Mass., October 26, 1723. He was the son of Francis, second, and Joanna Davis, the former the son of Francis, first, who, it is said, was the son of Philip, the immigrant progenitor. Philip Davis, when twelve years old, left Southampton, England, April 24, 1638, in the ship "Confidence" of London, bound for New England. He was servant to John Binson, husbandman, of Caversham, Oxfordshire (or, as Savage thought, of William Illsley). Little else is known about Philip Davis, or Davies, as the name is spelled in the passenger list printed in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, vol. ii. Francis Davis, said to have been his son, took the oath of allegiance and fidelity at Amesbury, December 20, 1677.

Captain Francis Davis, the pioneer, married Elizabeth, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Ferrin, and had ten children — Gertrude, Zebulon, Jeremiah, Wells, Ichabod, Francis, Elizabeth, Aquila, Paine, and Nathan. He located in what is known as Davisville in the town of Warner among the earliest settlers, and may be said to have been the foremost man in the town till his death. From 1768 to 1785 his name was associated with every event of Warner's history, the church matters, and all business and landed interests. His commission as Captain of militia, dated 1773, was signed by John Wentworth, Governor. Captain Davis had three sons in the Revolution, two of them in the battle of Bunker Hill. He was Chairman of the Committee of Safety in 1775, and was one of the committee which secured the incorporation of the town; and he assisted in the division of lots. Harriman's

History of Warner says: "In this first legislative body chosen by the people Francis Davis appears as the accredited representative of the town of Warner. It is a distinction and honor to be remembered with pride by his numerous descendants." Captain Davis was then fifty-three years old. The legislature had many able men in it, John Langdon being Speaker, and Meshech Weare, President of the Council. In 1781 he was delegate to the Constitutional Convention which framed the Constitution which, with slight amendments, was in force till 1878. He was chosen Representative in 1784, serving in two sessions, at Concord and at Portsmouth. His death occurred on his way home from the latter place. His horse plunged into Beaver Brook at Derry, where the bridge had been carried away; and he was drowned. Just one hundred years after his death a monument was erected to his memory at Davisville, bearing this inscription: "Captain Francis Davis, the pioneer, and Warner's first representative. Born October 26, 1723, died November 26, 1784." This monument was put up by some of his great-grandchildren, principally by Walter Scott Davis and his uncle, Charles Davis.

Captain Francis had five sons, among whom was Aquila, born in Amesbury, June 27, 1760. He came to Warner with his father, and later on enlisted in the Revolutionary army. He saw much hard service, and was present at the surrender of Burgoyne. From 1799 to 1807 he commanded the Thirtieth Regiment, and he was Brigadier General of the Fourth Brigade from 1807 to 1809. In 1812 he raised the first regiment in New Hampshire, and was chosen its Colonel. After the war he resided at the old homestead, and he served as Representative from Warner. His death occurred at Sharon, Me., February 27, 1835, while he was there on landed interests. He was buried at Davisville with Masonic honors. His wife was Abigail, daughter of Theodore and Abigail (Watts) Stearns, the latter a cousin of Dr. Isaac Watts. The General's children were: Paine, Sarah A., Abigail W., Theodore S., Nathaniel A., Persis H., Nathan, Charles, Aquila, and James.

Nathaniel A. Davis learned the silversmith's trade, and, being of a roving disposition, journeyed extensively in the United States, working in all the principal cities. In 1824, after much time spent in the South especially, he returned to his native place and engaged in lumbering. At his father's death the mill property was divided among the sons, the saw-mill coming to Nathaniel and James. The water-power at Davisville is a remarkable one, and for one hundred and thirty years has been held by this family. Among the early industries here were the saw-mill built by Captain Francis Davis in 1763, a grist-mill in 1768, a clothing-mill built by Moses Carleton in 1796 and destroyed by the August freshet of 1826. At that time the iron foundry, bridge, blacksmith shop, and lower dam were all carried away. A lead grinding-mill, a plaster-mill, a brickyard, and tannery, were also near by. Nathaniel A. Davis was of a judicial turn of mind, and became great authority on legal questions. He made a practical study of the State laws, and was administrator of many estates, and also Justice of the Peace. His residence in the South and observance of the evils of slavery led him to become a strong Free Soiler. Lincoln's proclamation of 1863 he felt was the essence of justice. In 1843 he removed to the old home of his ancestors; and he died there, October 24, 1866, from the effects of a fall. His children were: Stephen C., Lucretia A., Walter Scott, Gilman, Lucretia (second), Mary E., Stillman C., and Henry C.

Walter Scott Davis was as a boy full of life and very ingenious, the latter quality often being a source of annoyance to other people, owing to his boyish love of pulling things to pieces and making something new. This, however, was the power that brought him success in later life. He was educated at Contoocook High School and at Gilmanton, Thetford, Washington, and New London Academies. While studying he worked summers, and also taught school a short time. He was a great lover of mathematics, but was impatient of rules and routine methods. In 1854–55 he became partner with Samuel H. Dow in the lumber business, continuing thus ten years. He invested in a Lowell tannery, but business depression and a law-suit combined to nearly ruin him in 1860. In 1865 he became partner with Paine Davis; and in 1866 they built a large circular saw-mill, which was burned in 1869, but at once rebuilt. In 1872 this firm dissolved; and Walter Scott kept the mill, and Paine the farm which was a part of the firm property. In 1871 a new partner, George W. Dow, of Bristol, joined Mr. Davis; and they bought the ruins of a burned paper-mill, and built a straw board mill of twenty-five hundred pounds' capacity daily. Later it was changed from a sun drying to a steam dry mill. In 1873 Henry C. Davis and Leston Rollins were admitted into the firm, and the mill machinery improved, and its capacity doubled. In 1875 Walter Scott Davis became sole partner, and then took his brother Henry as partner, the firm becoming Davis Brothers. The mill capacity was now six tons daily, and all the rebuilding had not stopped the works at any time. The lumber business increased proportionately, and the result has been success and wealth for the firm. Mr. Davis is so gifted in inventive powers that all the plans in use in the mills are his; and, as one instance, he has patented a most useful gate arrangement for the turbine water-wheel, and also a machine for making paper boxes.

He has held many offices of trust in Warner, has been Representative, was in 1884 elected State Senator, and in 1896 was chosen Councillor for the Fourth District. He is an active and influential member of many Masonic bodies. He belongs to the Swedenborgian church, is a practical Christian, a whole-souled, large-hearted man, and an honored citizen. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

Mr. Davis was married May 3, 1857, to Dollie Jones, daughter of Daniel Jones. They have had six children, and also the most trying sorrow of having lost four of these by scarlet fever. The children were named as follows: W. S. Bertine, Horace J., Chassie H., Nattie A., Mamie A., and Charles. Horace and Mamie are those now living.

HENRY TUBBS, a successful dentist practising in Newport, was born in Peterboro, N.H., February 24, 1831, son of Joseph and Azuba (Monroe) Tubbs. The family is traced back to one William Tubbs, who came to the Plymouth Colony from London, England, in 1635. The paternal grandfather of Dr. Tubbs was Captain Joseph Tubbs, of Marlow, N.H., an early settler, a successful farmer, a good citizen, and a Captain in the old State militia. He died at the age of eighty years.

Joseph Tubbs, son of Captain Tubbs, in company with Thomas Baker owned the Eagle Mills at Peterboro, N.H., where he manufactured cotton goods, ginghams, etc., from the rough cotton. Successful at first, the firm met with disasters from various causes; and the business was wound up after several years of existence. Joseph Tubbs then turned his

attention to agriculture, in which he continued occupied until he died, May 22, 1859, at the age of seventy years and three months. His wife was a daughter of Dr. Joseph Monroe, of Hillsborough. She died at Hancock, N.H., January 16, 1871, at the age of seventy-five years and eight months. They were both Unitarians. They had six children, of whom three are deceased, namely: Thomas B., who died in 1894, seventy-nine years old; Elijah M. Tubbs, who died in 1881, fifty-eight years old; and Mrs. Sarah W. Merriman, who died at the age of fifty-five years. The others are: Mrs. Maria T. Blood, who resides in Hancock, N.H.; Louisa A., also a resident of Hancock; and Henry, the subject of this sketch.

Henry Tubbs, the subject of this sketch, the youngest of his parents' children, was a student for a time in the private school of Dr. Sullivan McCollester. His first business venture was as a clerk in a country store. Later he was employed in the dry-goods business in Boston for a while. In 1859 he entered his brother's office in Peterboro, and began to study dentistry. He located in Newport in 1860, where he was the pioneer in his calling. On December 24, 1865, he married Mary A. Rogers, who was born in Sunapee. They have three children — Annie L., Chandler T., and Gerty M. Annie is the wife of Will Chandler White, of Concord; and Gerty is at school at Bradford, Mass. In politics Dr. Tubbs is Republican. He was a member of the Lower House of the State legislature in 1896. A prominent Mason, he belongs to Mount Vernon Lodge of Newport, the Royal Arch Chapter of Newport, and Sullivan Commandery at Claremont. He has also membership in Mount Coit Lodge, Knights of Honor. The Doctor's success in life is entirely the result of his own efforts.

GEORGE T. ABBOTT, a well-known farmer of Concord, was born here, September 16, 1833, on the estate which was bought by his father, Aaron, of the late Daniel Prince. His great-grandfather, Nathaniel A., was the third settler in that part of Concord known as the Iron Works, coming here from Massachusetts in 1735, when the district was almost a wilderness and Indians were numerous. Nathaniel brought his wife with him and built for their home a log house. Before his death he had cleared considerable land and had seen great changes, as he lived to be a very old man. He reared a numerous family, of whom his son, Levi, continued to live on the homestead farm until his death.

Aaron Abbott, son of Levi and father of George T., was one of the best known carpenters and builders of this section. He was also engaged in farming. He learned his trade at Limeboro, and many of the buildings in this vicinity were put up by him and his sons. Aaron Abbott married Nancy Badger, daughter of Jacob Badger, of Concord, and became the father of nine children. These were: Joseph C., Ann Mary, Elizabeth H., Sara Jane Hale, George T., Edward M., Susan F., Ellen S., and Alice Aaronette. Joseph C. was Colonel of the Seventh New Hampshire Regiment and afterward United States Senator from North Carolina. Edward M., who was a printer by trade, went to Iowa early in life, where he died in 1890. Jane Abbott, who lives in St. Paul, is the wife of George G. Sanborn, formerly of Henniker. Elizabeth resides in Malden, Mass., and is the widow of the late A. W. Sanborn, of Manchester, N.H. Ann married Granville P. Mason, a Captain in the Seventh New Hampshire Regiment; and Ellen S. married Judge William M. Chase. The other two sisters are unmarried and reside in Concord.

George T. Abbott, the fifth child and the subject of this sketch, has been engaged as a farmer and teamster since he began to be self-supporting. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary P. Sanders, is a daughter of John Sanders, of East Concord. Of the three children she has borne her husband, Emma, the elder daughter, married Frank O. Whittier; and Francis U., the only son, married Alice Toof, and has three children. Mr. George Abbott is a prominent Republican. He cast his first vote for State officers in March, 1855; and he has voted at every election since, except the November election of 1856. He is a member of the grange and an officer in that organization. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church, but is non-sectarian in religious matters.

GEORGE HENRY STOWELL, a wholesale and retail dealer in hardware and one of the wealthiest citizens of Claremont, was born in Cornish, N.H., October 28, 1835. His father, Amasa Stowell, came to Cornish from Hartland, Vt. He died when our subject was a young boy. He had ten children, of whom five are living, namely: Evaline, who married G. W. Hewey; Sylvester, who is engaged in agriculture in East Unity, N.H.; Joseph, who is in the harness and livery and carriage business at Lawrence, owns three livery stables, and raises fast stock; Austin, who is in business with Joseph; and George H., the subject of this sketch. Carrie, who married Calvin Adams, is recently deceased.

George H. Stowell received a common-school education in his native town. In 1854 he embarked in the business of making monuments and headstones at Springfield, Vt. He came in 1860 to Claremont, where he purchased the marble business of J. A. & J. F. Davis. This he conducted until February, 1864, when he bought the hardware business of Levi Brown, and began to carry it on in his own name on the site of his present store. Starting with a small capital, he has by energy and ability built up what is claimed to be the largest wholesale and retail business in this part of the State, and amassed one of the largest fortunes in the town. In his store, which is spacious and well-ordered, he carries the largest stock to be found in the county. He has a very large trade with stores in adjoining counties. Also conducting an extensive coal business, he has been agent for the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company in this locality for ten years. He has been instrumental in giving Claremont some of her best business blocks and buildings. He erected Stowell's Block in the rear of his own establishment; is part owner of the Union Block, one of the imposing business structures of the town, erected in 1889; and he has built six or seven fine residences here. His own private residence is one of the most attractive in the town. Financially interested in the People's National Bank, he has been a Director of it and the Vice-President since it was organized. He has been honored with town and State offices, all of which he has filled with credit to himself and constituents. He was the Claremont legislative Representative in 1872 and 1873; a member of the New Hampshire Senate in 1875 and 1876; a member of the Executive Council from 1881 to 1883; and Aide to Governor Prescott, with the rank of Colonel, from 1887 to 1889. In 1876 and again in 1889 he was a member of the conventions for the revision and amendment of the State Constitution, and he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention to nominate candidates for the Presidency and Vice-

Presidency in 1884. He was Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of Claremont from 1873 to 1894. Mr. Stowell is a Mason, and for fifteen years was Generalissimo of the Sullivan Commandery.

Mr. Stowell married Sarah E. Field, of Vermont. They have a daughter, Cora E., who, after graduating from Stevens High School, went to Boston to take the elocutionary course of two years at the New England Conservatory of Music. She married George I. Putnam, a graduate of West Point and now the editor of the *Advocate*, a leading Claremont newspaper. In 1880, overtaxed by his multifarious duties, Mr. Stowell spent some time in European travel for the benefit of his health. Whether considered in the light of a citizen or a business man, he is recognized as an indispensable factor in the progress of the town; and for thirty-five years he has been one of the leading spirits in its history.

DANIEL G. PEASLEE, a farmer and lumberman of Bradford, residing about three miles west of the village, was born April 4, 1841, in Newbury, Merrimack County. His father, Jonathan Peaslee, a native of Newbury, was a son of Samuel Peaslee, one of the pioneers of the town. Further mention of the Peaslee family may be found in the biography of J. Albert Peaslee.

Jonathan Peaslee, who was reared to farming, became a tiller of the soil from choice. When ready to settle in life, he bought a tract of land lying on the Bradford and Newbury line, and built his house near the present residence of Hollis L. Blood. He also built an upright saw-mill, in which he manufactured a large part of the timber cut from his land into lumber. Lumbering and farming formed his chief occupation until his demise at the age of seventy-six years. His first wife, Mary Gillingham Peaslee, a daughter of James and Betsey (Lane) Gillingham, and a sister of both Mrs. Jack Packard, of Concord, and Moody Gillingham, died at the age of forty-nine years. Of her children two died in infancy. The others were: Laurel G., of Newbury; Jefferson G., of Bradford; Joel, who died in infancy; Ellis A., now the wife of Isaac Sanborn, of Dunbarton; Marion, who died in childhood; Daniel G., the subject of this sketch; Alburton, who remained on the home farm, never married, and died in 1893; Fanny, the wife of Charles A. Bailey, of Belvoir, Kan.; and Webster, now deceased, who was a farmer in Newbury. Jonathan Peaslee married for his second wife Abigail Putney, of Bradford, and had three children, namely: Frank, now residing in Bradford village; Fred, also of Bradford village; and George H., a conductor on the northern line of the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Daniel G. Peaslee remained with his father until about sixteen. Then he went to his brother Laurel in Newbury, and was in his employment for two years. From Newbury he returned to the old homestead, and remained there until his marriage. Next year he rented a farm. During the ensuing three years he carried on the farm of his father-in-law, Mr. Ayer. In 1867 he and his brother Alburton purchased his present homestead. At that time less than an acre of the land was cleared; and on it was an old, worn-out upright saw-mill. He repaired the mill and engaged in lumbering. In the course of time a large business in custom sawing compelled him to run the mill night and day. The partnership with his brother continued for ten or twelve years. Since that time Mr. Peaslee has conducted the business alone. His farm,

which is now well-improved, contains seventy-five acres, and has excellent buildings. The mill has a new wheel and shingle machine. His other property includes a valuable tract of wood and pasture land, measuring two hundred and thirty acres. He has put up some buildings by contract. In his mill he makes a specialty of ash lumber, which he markets in Manchester, Boston, and other cities, making yearly sales often amounting to fifteen hundred dollars. He also cuts a good deal of wood, some years from four hundred to five hundred cords. From three to six men are employed by him.

In 1863, March 13, Mr. Peaslee married Zeroida Ayer, a daughter of Benjamin Ayer, of Newbury. Mr. and Mrs. Peaslee have two children, namely: Minnie B., who has taught school at Melvin's Mills for the past nine terms; and Emily A., a dressmaker, living at home.

In politics Mr. Peaslee is a straightforward Democrat, and he has served with credit to himself and his constituents in many of the town offices. In 1876 and 1877 he was Selectman; and in 1881 and 1882 he represented Bradford in the State legislature, serving on the Agricultural Committee. In 1882 he was elected Selectman for two years. He declined nomination for the next and succeeding terms until 1888, when he was elected for three years. In this term the town's bonded debt of nine thousand two hundred dollars was cleared, and a surplus of eight hundred and fifty dollars was left in its treasury. Though repeatedly urged to accept the same office since, Mr. Peaslee has persistently declined. On the adoption of the new school laws he was chosen to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term, and at the end of two years he was re-elected for three years. Mr. Peaslee has been Justice of the Peace for about seven years.

HOSEA BALLOU CARTER, son of Susan Shannon (Merrick) Carter and Tappan Sargent Carter, was born at East Hampstead, Rockingham County, N.H., on September 5, 1834. He was educated in the public schools of Hampstead and at Atkinson Academy, where he was a classmate of General William Cogswell, of Bradford, Mass., and later of Salem, Mass.

The intrinsic inwardness of modern political and legislative contests has drawn to the service of political managers and corporate magnates the sagacity, shrewdness, and fidelity of a peculiar class of men, not infrequently found in New England, especially in New Hampshire, who, being of humble or obscure origin, finding themselves unable to demonstrate or promulgate their ideas, inventions, and schemes (not possessing the capital required therefor), enter the line of service indicated for the twofold purpose of compensation and education.

The subject of this sketch, born and reared among the granite hills of New Hampshire, is an exponent of what an uncultured bucolic lad from the backwoods may accomplish when sustained by an equitable supply of sand tempered with ironic silence and commonplace courtesy. At the age of ten years he had learned the trade of shoemaking to aid his father in furnishing the meagre comforts of the humble home of that industrious New England mechanic, who has for more than threescore years daily continued to toil at the work-bench, and who now, at the ripened age of eighty-three years, may be found at the shoe bench for eight hours each day, which he recognizes as the proper hours for work-day for willing labor.

"Hozee," as he is familiarly known throughout New Hampshire, leaving the family fireside in 1849, began the battle of life first as

a tin peddler, next as a speculator in patent rights and patented novelties, and later on as an encyclopædia canvasser. The milestones marking his course and route from the shoe bench at Hampstead to the State House at Concord are many and interesting. In fact, his career marks an epoch in the political history of the State.

He was located in Boston in 1858–59 and 1860, engaged in the sale of an extensive line of popular patented novelties, through a band of travelling salesmen (then known as "street fakirs"), shrewd youngsters, to whom he had taught the practical science of street-corner demonstration of "chin-and-hand" commerce, whereby credulous spectators were induced to insist upon the immediate exchange of the novelties exhibited for the current "coin of the realm." When the war of the Rebellion came, in 1861, these young salesmen were among the first men in Boston to volunteer their service in defence of the national honor.

Mr. Carter then became a private detective, which calling he followed until 1866, receiving from the start eminent patronage, and enrolling among his somewhat remarkable clientage many officials of high rank in the service of the Federal government, among which we find the name of Abraham Lincoln. He was at the (so-called) Peace Conference of Colorado Jewett and Horace Greeley at the Clifton House, Niagara Falls, in 1864, and continued shadowing Confederate leaders at Hamilton, Toronto, St. Johns, Quebec, and Montreal, during that historic fall and winter of 1864–65, covering that period when the famous "Rebel raid" upon the banks at St. Albans, Vt., was perpetrated; and he was on duty constantly during that peculiar trial (by a Canadian court at Montreal) of the Confederate Colonel Bennette H. Young and his infamous band of Confederate highwaymen. He also witnessed the discharge of the entire band by that same Canadian court, which also returned to Colonel Young and his band the funds taken from the banks at St. Albans.

Returning to Washington in June, 1865, Mr. Carter testified as witness for the United States in the trial of Mrs. Surratt and the assassination conspirators, after which he returned to his New Hampshire home, where he received an appointment as Postmaster of his native village. But the next year, becoming restless through the Puritanic restraint of that quiet borough, he accepted a position as commercial traveller at a liberal salary; and for a quarter-century he followed the fortunes of a commercial tourist, covering New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, and Vermont. He represented New Hampshire from 1876 to 1880 as Commissioner of the Boston & Maine Railroad upon the Interstate Board with the Hon. James G. Blaine, of Augusta, Me.

Visiting every town in New Hampshire at all seasons of the year, and having personal, political, and commercial association with prominent men of each county, it was possible for him to perform valuable service for his patrons in legislative proceedings and other matters. The varied experience he acquired by constant attendance upon more than twenty consecutive sessions of the legislature of the State made him an available expert wherewith in 1890 His Excellency Governor Goodell and the Honorable Council could fill a vacancy caused by the decease of the Secretary of State, to which position they by unanimous vote elected Mr. Carter — namely, official editor of the State Manual for the General Court, a duty previously performed by the late Secretary of State.

The works of his head and hand abound. A complete "blue book," covering the official succession of New Hampshire for more than

two centuries (1680 to 1891), published by the State, attests his superiority as an editor, collator, compiler, and statistician. "The Town and City Atlas of New Hampshire," published in 1892, which contains more than six hundred distinct maps, showing location of counties, townships, and city wards, also mountains, lakes, rivers, streams, railways, post-roads, highways, with city and village streets, also the precise location of public buildings, manufactories, hotels, private residences, etc., gave in detail the names of owners or occupants thereof. This comprehensive work, edited by Mr. Carter, is perhaps the most complete publication of geographical and statistical information ever issued in America, indorsed by official and educational patrons throughout the State.

"The Grand Souvenir Album of Eminent New Hampshire Men" contains four hundred and eight biographical sketches and half-tone plate portraits of each of those prominent and illustrious sons of the Granite State. This work, published in 1893, does his talent credit.

His Excellency Governor John B. Smith, in his message to the legislature of 1893, advised the recognition of the interests of wage-earning labor; and in compliance therewith a Bureau of Labor was created, of which Mr. Carter was made chief clerk. He continued in that service until May, 1896, when he was promoted to the position of Deputy Commissioner, in charge of the Labor Bureau office at the State House, Concord.

In politics he would in modern parlance be termed "a middle-of-the-road Republican," as he had the distinction of "rapid transit" in true amateur statesmanship, having served with the Free Soil pioneer guard of the Republicans of the "Fremont-and-fried-dog" campaign of 1856, and continuously thereafter until the Republican State Convention of New Hampshire in 1884, at which he served as Chairman of the Committee upon Credentials. Yet the very next day he was made Chairman of Committee on Credentials at the Democratic State Convention of New Hampshire, as a "Cleveland and reform" convert. Now, in the "free-silver-craze" campaign of 1896, he has had his political luggage transferred across the gulf to the McKinley reservation, as he cannot fully comprehend that financial scheme requiring the flying of a "twin-tailed" kite for the relief of that class of debtors who absolutely refuse to labor, yet do insist upon a "free-lunch" administration of every branch of the Federal government.

On September 19, 1854, Mr. Carter married Catharine Elizabeth Martin, of the town of Dickinson, St. Lawrence County, N.Y. They have two children, namely: Nettie Belle, wife of John F. McCollister, now of Bradford, Mass.; and Susie Isabelle, wife of Joseph G. Norman, residing at the Carter homestead, Hampstead, Rockingham County, N.H.

GEORGE H. HAINES, a well-known resident of Chichester, Merrimack County, N.H., for quite a number of years engaged as a carriage and sleigh manufacturer, also as an extensive lumber dealer, now partially retired from his former activities, was born in this town, January 27, 1845, son of George P. and Sarah F. (Towle) Haines.

The family is of Colonial origin; and the first ancestor of whom there is any exact knowledge was Robert Haines, who settled in Falmouth, Me., and remained there eight or nine years, or until the Indian outbreak in

1688. He married Rachel Davis, who was born in Falmouth in 1663, daughter of Lawrence Davis. His son Thomas was a member of Captain Gilmore's company, which pursued the Indians after they had murdered Colonel Hilton at Exeter, N.H., on June 23, 1710. He served at Fort William and Mary, New Castle, N.H., in 1708, and was Captain of a scouting expedition in 1723. He was a weaver, and is known to have been following his trade at Hampton, N.H., in 1733. His first wife, whom he married January 7, 1712, was Abigail Philbrick, born in 1692. She died January 26, 1716; and he married for his second wife Abigail Cole. Thomas Haines was the father of seven children; and his son, Thomas, Jr., born October 7, 1726, was a resident of Hampton in 1776. Malachi Haines, Jr., son of Malachi, Sr., and grandson of Thomas Haines, Jr., was a prosperous farmer in Chichester throughout the active period of his life, and he died in this town. By his union with Sally Fife, his first wife, who was a native of Pembroke, N.H., he had two sons; and by his second wife also, Mrs. Sarah Peverly, *née* Sherburne, a native of Canterbury, N.H., he had two children, George P., father of the subject of this sketch, being the elder.

George P. Haines was born in Chichester. When a young man he engaged in mercantile pursuits, and carried on business for some time in Concord, N.H. He later became proprietor of a general store and Postmaster in his native town, and was a leading merchant here for fifty years. He was also a shoe manufacturer for several years; and he was the first to manufacture friction matches in this locality, being actively interested in that business for many years. He was originally a Whig, but later voted with the Republican party, and served for a number of years as Town Clerk. His wife, Sarah F. Towle, was born in Chichester, daughter of Jonathan Towle. They reared six children, five of whom are living, namely: Sarah J.; George H., the subject of this sketch; Annie M.; Albert H.; and Alvin M. Annie M. Haines is the widow of John B. Currier, late of Boston, Mass., and has one daughter, Josephine Haines Currier. Alvin M. married Jennie Greenley, of Haverhill, Mass., and has one daughter, Sarah C. Greenley. John P. Haines, eldest son of George P., enlisted as a private in the First Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, and later re-enlisted in the Thirteenth Regiment. He was mustered out as a Lieutenant at the close of the war, and died at his home in Cambridge, Mass., from the effects of disease contracted while in the service. He married Nellie Leighton, of Farmington, N.H., and left three children: Ignatius, a graduate of the Harvard University Medical School; Beatrice; and Brenda, a student at Radcliffe College, class of 1900. George P. Haines passed his last days in Chichester, and died at the age of seventy-six on January 14, 1888. His wife survived him nine years, residing at the homestead in this town, where she died at the age of seventy-six, March 28, 1897. She was a member of the Baptist church, of which her husband was an attendant.

George H. Haines was educated in the schools of his native town; and when his studies were completed he went to Boston, where he was employed for two years. He then enlisted in the First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery, and served with his regiment as a non-commissioned officer until mustered out at the close of the war, when he once more took up his residence in Boston. In 1867 he returned to Chichester, and, establishing himself in the manufacture of carriages and

sleighs, he continued in that business quite extensively until 1889, being also engaged in the lumber trade. Since 1889, on account of failing health, he has retired from manufacturing.

On November 13, 1876, Mr. Haines was united in marriage with Mary F. Sanborn, daughter of Deacon Jacob S. and Elvira (Leavitt) Sanborn, of Chichester. Mrs. Haines has two brothers and two sisters, namely: Jacintha M., of Manchester, who married Edward Langmaid; Ellen A., who married Charles A. Langmaid; Jeremy L., who married Emma Cofran, of Pembroke; and Augustus L., who married Bertha W. Edmunds. One son, George Smith, born to Mr. and Mrs. Haines in 1877, died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Haines is a Republican. He has served in town offices and many years as Justice of the Peace. In 1869 he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Chichester, and until the present time has been an official member of the same. Much interested in the New Hampshire State militia, he was actively engaged in maintaining one of the first companies raised after the war, the Merrimack Guards, and served as Lieutenant and as Commander until compelled to resign on account of ill health.

He is a comrade of George H. Hoyt Post, No. 66, G. A. R., of Epsom, N.H. Mr. Haines is a man of excellent business ability, and is one of the most esteemed and influential residents of Chichester.

PORMAN A. DEMING, a leading farmer of Cornish, Sullivan County, N.H., is a native of the town. He was born July 18, 1824, son of Harvey and Eunice (Ford) Deming. His paternal grandfather, Ebenezer Deming, came to this State from Connecticut. He was a school teacher of great success, and taught for forty-six consecutive winters. Harvey Deming, son of Ebenezer, was born at Cornish, December 6, 1769. He owned a farm of four hundred acres, and carried on farming on an extensive scale, raising a large amount of stock, and producing great quantities of hay and grain. In politics he was a strong Democrat and in religious views a Baptist, and he was one of the Deacons of the church. He died in February, 1835. His wife, whose maiden name was Eunice Ford, bore the following children: John Milton, born October 27, 1799; Judah Solon, born March 10, 1801; Eliza Emily, born February 19, 1803; Harvey Ford, born June 17, 1809; Stephen Bial, born November 3, 1812; Daniel Philander, born May 3, 1816; Eunice Jane, born July 22, 1818; and Norman A., the youngest.

John Milton Deming, the eldest son, received his education in the public schools of the town of Cornish. He became a farmer, and married Charlotte Huggins, and had five children, four of whom — Harvey F., John, Emily, and Alvery O. — are living. Judah Solon became an extensive farmer, and for miles around was noted for his piety. He married Matilda Jackson, who bore him four children — M. J. Deming, Elizabeth, Bell, and Susan. Harvey Ford was educated in the town schools, and then became a school teacher. Afterward he attended the medical college at Castleton, Vt., and upon graduating settled for practice in Maine. He married Mary Lord, of Ellsworth, Me., and was the father of two children — Harvey and Mary, the former of whom was killed in the United States service while fighting the Indians, and the latter is now Mrs. Hollis Black, of Maine. Stephen Bial Deming, who also is a farmer, married Nancy Ann

Fisher, and had eight children: Frank; Henry; Charles; Laura; Eunice; Nancy; a child that died in infancy; and Stephen, who died in 1886. Daniel Philander Deming, who was educated in the schools of Cornish and of New London, N.H., became a clergyman of the Baptist denomination, and was twice married. His first wife, formerly a Miss Clough, bore him two children. His second wife, Abbie Hardy, had one child, Carrie, who is now married, and lives with her widowed mother at Holyoke, Mass. Eunice Jane became the wife of Wesson Newcomb, and the mother of Fred W. and H. C. Newcomb. She died April 18, 1879.

Norman A. Deming when a lad was sent to the schools of his native town, and also to New Hampton. He started in life for himself as a farmer, and now owns four hundred acres, and is engaged in dairy farming. He raises large crops of hay and grain and many cattle. He has been very prominent in the public affairs of the town, and takes a deep interest in all questions touching the general welfare; has been Selectman for nine years; and has served a term as Collector of Taxes. As was his father, Mr. Deming is a strong Baptist. He is also a stanch Republican. He has been twice married. By his first wife, who was in maidenhood Lucy Ann Bartlett, he had five children — Herbert, Almina, Jennie, Harvey, and Mattie — of whom Herbert and Almina are the only ones now living. Mr. Deming's second wife, Calista Flower Deming, has borne him three children — Victor, Harvey, and Hugh.

Mr. Deming's son Herbert was born in Cornish, and was sent to school in that town and at Meriden, this State. After completing his education, he taught school at Cornish, at Hartland, Vt., and at Claremont, N.H.; and for three years he was in California. He is now a prosperous farmer, is Trustee for several large estates, and has been on the School Board for several years. He is a man universally respected, a member of the Congregational church, and possessor of a host of friends. He married Nellie Hilliard, daughter of Joseph L. and Mary Hilliard, and has four children — Claude and Clyde (twins), Hubert, and Jesse. Jennie Deming became a school teacher, and subsequently married Dr. O. Terry, of Bethel, Vt. Both she and her husband are now deceased. They left one daughter, Nellie E., who married James A. Graham, of Barre, Vt., and has one child, Harry J. Almina Deming married James Fitch, and has two children — Chester and Maurice. Victor, Mr. Deming's eldest son by his second wife, married Mary Bishop, and has one little girl. He has taught school, and is now in the railroad station at Bellows Falls, Vt. Harvey married Nettie F. Merrill, and lives in Manchester, N.H. He is a wholesale and retail dealer in stone and granite. Hugh married Maizie Harris, of Fort Ann, N.Y.

STEPHEN C. PATTEE, one of the most prominent, skilful, and prosperous agriculturists of Merrimack County, New Hampshire, lives in Warner, on a highly improved farm known as Maple Grange, which has been owned and occupied by his family for more than one hundred years. He was born on this ancestral homestead, January 11, 1828, son of Asa Pattee, and is of distinguished English and Colonial stock, tracing his descent from Sir William Pattee, who was physician to Cromwell and King Charles II., and was knighted in 1660. Peter Pattee, son of Sir William, born in 1648 in Lansdown, England, emigrated to

America when a young man of twenty-one years, settled first in Virginia, and a few years later removed to Haverhill, Mass.

His grandson, Captain Asa Pattee, commanded a company in one of the Colonial wars, about the middle of the eighteenth century, and later received a Captain's commission from Governor Meshech Weare. He was the first of the family to settle in Warner, and built the first frame house in the village, it being now known as the Dr. Eaton house. Captain Asa's son John, grandfather of Stephen C. Pattee, settled at Maple Grange in 1786, taking up the land when it was in its primeval wildness, and was afterward throughout his years of activity engaged in the pioneer labor of clearing and improving. He was an industrious, temperate man, and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-five years. He married Eunice Sargent, a native of Dover, N.H., and the daughter of Benjamin Sargent, who owned the adjoining farm. They had three sons: Asa; Jesse, who removed to West Cambridge, Mass., now Arlington, where he made a fortune as a baker; and Cyrus, who was also a baker by occupation, but died on a farm in Haverhill.

Asa Pattee, son of John, inherited the homestead in Warner; and from his earliest youth until his demise he worked upon the soil, being engaged in general farming, stock-raising, and lumbering. He married Sally Colby, whose father, Stephen Colby, a Revolutionary pensioner, was one of the early settlers of the town of Warner, where he occupied a farm about a mile east of the village, on which his grandson, Asa F. Colby, now lives. Asa and Sally (Colby) Pattee had five sons and two daughters, namely: Stephen C., the subject of this sketch; John H., who died in Troy, N.Y.; Susan; Luther, a physician, who was settled first at Candia, then at Wolfboro, and later at Manchester, where he practised from 1863 until his death in 1895; Asa, also a physician, and William Herbert, his twin brother, who died in infancy; and Emma, who died at a comparatively early age in womanhood. Susan Pattee first married A. Jackson Edmunds, and after his death became the wife of William H. Palmer. She died of consumption three years after her second marriage, leaving two children, neither of whom is living. Dr. Asa Pattee began practice in Merrimac, Mass., remaining there about five years, and then removed to Boston, where he practised about thirty years, or until his death, which occurred but a few months since, on May 31, 1897. Emma Pattee married first George Quimby, and afterward became the wife of E. C. Cole, editor of the Kearsarge *Independent and Times*. The Pattee homestead descended to Asa Pattee's son Stephen, the present owner.

Stephen C. Pattee received his elementary education in the common schools of Warner, afterward studying at private schools in Contoocook and Bradford. He subsequently taught school in this State and Massachusetts for twenty years during the winter terms; and he has since been actively identified with the educational progress of his native town, having been for many years a member of the Board of Education, and by the will of the donor, the late Franklin Simonds, being made a life Trustee of the Simonds Free High School Fund of Warner. In his agricultural labors Mr. Pattee has met with eminent success, his judiciously conducted enterprises having yielded satisfactory results. In his earlier days he carried on general farming, then turned his attention to wool-growing, and when that was no longer profitable he raised lambs for the market. He has since made money in raising valuable horses, always

breeding to the best, including as sires Mambrino Wilkes, Almont Eagle, Vittoria, and a son of Viking. For several years he has made dairying his specialty, having a fine herd of grade Holstein and Jersey cows, each of which tests above the standard. He raises some grain every year, as wheat, oats, and corn; and at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893, he was awarded a diploma and a bronze medal for his exhibit of corn.

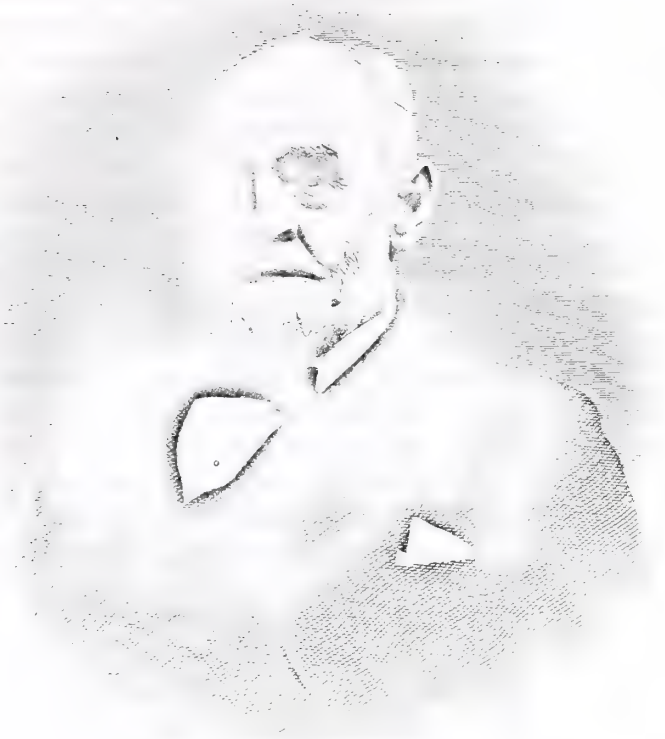
Mr. Pattee was one of the managers of the early agricultural association, which was merged into the Kearsarge Agricultural and Mechanical Association, which he has served as President, and which each year holds a fair in Warner. He is very prominent and active in grange work, and for several years served as one of the Executive Committee of the State Grange. He is an authority on all questions connected with agriculture, especially the raising of cereals, and was at one time employed by the Board of Agriculture to give an address on "Wheat Culture" before the Agricultural College at Hanover and at various local institutes throughout the State. He has written much on agricultural topics for the press, being a paid contributor to the *People and Patriot, Boston Cultivator, New England Farmer, Country Gentleman*, and *Germantown Telegraph;* and his articles invariably attract attention. In politics he has always been a straight Democrat, an attendant of all local conventions, and has served in all the township offices. Fraternally, he is an active Mason, belonging to Harris Lodge, F. & A. M.

On January 9, 1853, Mr. Pattee married Miss Sally Currier, who was born in Canterbury, N.H., and who died May 5, 1895, leaving three sons — Jesse B., William H., and George Quimby. Jesse B. Pattee, who was admitted to the bar in Plymouth County, Massachusetts, has a fine legal practice in Manchester, N.H., where he now resides. In the fall of 1896 he was elected a Representative to the State legislature for the term of 1897–98. William H. Pattee, who adopted what may well be termed the hereditary profession, received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the Vermont University in Burlington, practised medicine for a time in Loudon, N.H., then spent ten years in Pelican Rapids, Minn., returning from there to Manchester, N.H., where he is one of the leading physicians. George Q. Pattee is a book-keeper in Boston.

JESSE H. FARWELL. — In North Charlestown, Sullivan County, N.H., Jesse H. Farwell was born January 22, 1834. His father, George Farwell, was a grandson of William Farwell, who was among the first white inhabitants of the town. On settling in life, George Farwell bought a little corner of the old farm, and built the small house in which all the children were born; but afterward he owned the whole farm, and lived in the old farmhouse.

An editorial in a Vermont journal gives one of the few glimpses we have of the early life of his son Jesse: —

"His boyhood was a type of that of many from New England farms and firesides, who afterward became leaders, the representative men of the nation. His sole educational advantages were derived from the district school near his old home. An old neighbor details some interesting reminiscences of his early days. Having business with the elder Farwell, he visited him one day at noon, as the industrious habits of the family detained them in the fields from early morn until the evening shadows fell. During the progress of busi-



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Jesse H. Farwell

ness an intricate mathematical problem was involved, which neither could satisfactorily solve. Jesse, then a lank stripling of about fifteen years, weighing not over seventy-five or one hundred pounds, clad in a pair of jean overalls, hitched by a single suspender over a partially sleeveless shirt, and with tufts of brown hair waving through the crevices of a broken straw hat, sat on a log by the roadside, improving his 'nooning' by the perusal of a scrap of an old newspaper. Observing the dilemma of the two men, he pried a scrap of bark from the log on which he was resting, and, fishing a portion of a nail from his pocket, soon had the matter correctly adjusted. The attention of the gentleman being thus called to the boy, he entered into conversation with him. The picture he presented, as, with bare feet crossed over his hoe handle, in the brilliant summer sunshine, he told of the progress of their farm work, and how they had helped nearly all their neighbors out, would have made a scene fit for poet's pencil or artist's brush. He also confided to his friend some of his hopes and aspirations for the future, feeling even then that he had outgrown the narrow limits of his birthplace, and longing for new fields of opportunity and labor — in short, for more worlds to conquer. The father, however, entertained different plans, and about this time took another large farm, hoping, with the assistance of the boy, to pay for it; and when, two years later, Jesse, at the age of sixteen, decided to leave home, the shock and disappointment were such as to seriously affect the health and happiness of the father. It is, however, most gratifying to know that he lived to realize that what he then looked upon as a calamity almost too great for endurance proved a blessing, not only to him and his family, but to his native town and to future generations, who will have cause to thank God that such a man has lived."

Mr. Farwell says: "Our home was a mile from any public road, our nearest neighbors across the river in Vermont. The house was small, and near the east bank of the Connecticut. The scenery was beautiful. George Farwell, my father, was active, industrious, economical, and intelligent, as good a reader as I ever listened to. For five years after his majority he was in the employ of John and James Howland at New Bedford, then largely engaged in the whale fishery. During that time he met my mother, Aurilla Brownell, an acquaintance of the Howlands, who were descendants of those of the same name who came over in the 'Mayflower,' as my mother was of John Alden and Priscilla Molines, an historic couple in Plymouth in Miles Standish's day. My parents soon after their marriage came to the old homestead, bought twenty-five acres of grandfather's farm, and settled. My mother was a strong, hardy, rosy-cheeked woman. Both were cheerful, happy, and well mated, constant in kind advice and admonition to their children. The prominent admonition of my mother was, 'If you can say nothing good of others, say nothing.' I confess that in the hurry and excitement of my somewhat active life I have frequently broken that rule, violating my better judgment in cooler hours.

"In my very early life industry was as natural to me as breathing, economy a necessity, perhaps a pleasure. Harshness and unkindness were strangers to my parents, except as seen in others. My mother's religious training had been in Orthodox Congregationalism, but she became largely imbued with the liberal views of the Farwell family, for which they were distinguished.

"With four boys and two girls, one passing

away when three years old, the other at twenty-one, the house was never lonely; and mother's busy hands had less rest than they needed. Staying on the farm until sixteen years old, I was then to go to Buffalo. My father assented, and gave me ten dollars, which my mother sewed up in my inside coat pocket; and I left familiar scenes and associations, with varying emotions of affection and hope better imagined than described."

This step from the farm into the wide world in 1850 was taken in response to a letter from an uncle in Buffalo, proposing his coming to that city for three years as an apprentice in the undertaking business, his fare out to be paid and his board, and fifty dollars, one hundred and fifty dollars, and one hundred and seventy-five dollars for the whole time. By rail and stage and canal packet-boat the city was reached. The family met him kindly, the new life opened rapidly, and in business and social life he met excellent people in ways to gain insight of their real life and character. For five years, as apprentice and then assistant, he was with that uncle, E. Farwell, whom he prized as being largely the counterpart of his beloved father. Meantime his two older brothers had left the farm; and his father wrote, urging, even commanding, his return. He declined, in view of opening advantages; and in a few years the father gladly acknowledged the better judgment of his son.

Twenty-one years of age, energetic, capable, and enterprising, in September, 1855, he landed from the steamer "Plymouth Rock" at ten o'clock P.M., in Detroit. The next morning he met Marcus Stevens and Samuel Zugg, both strangers, and before noon laid the foundation for a five years' partnership, they to offset two thousand dollars against his whole time and skill, and he to have one-third of the profits, as undertakers. This went on for twelve years; and in 1867 he became connected with a company of paving contractors, controlling the patent for the Nicholson pavement. On their dissolution in 1873, Mr. Farwell, in connection with E. Robinson, continued the business, and operated extensively in street paving in Detroit and other Michigan cities up to 1885. For eight years from 1872 he was connected with the Clough & Warren Organ Company of Detroit; and he was also President and leading owner for some years of the Dominion Organ and Piano Company of Bowmanville, Ont., both of which concerns during these years rose from small beginnings to the front rank in such enterprises.

He is President of the Farwell Transportation Company, which has during its existence owned and controlled a fleet of some twenty vessels, among which are some of the largest and best steamers and sailing craft on the Lakes.

He was first President of the Detroit *Evening Journal* Company, then an independent paper. Mr. and Mrs. Farwell are separate owners of real estate in the city. To wait and watch with quiet sagacity until the time was ripe, and then to enter into enterprises, old or new, with prompt vigor, has been his method in business; and thus his enlarging operations have usually been safe from the start.

A Democrat in politics, he holds fast to his party with sincere fidelity. He favors woman suffrage as based on justice and therefore sure to bring benefit. Of the liberal school in religion, he has been a Trustee of the Detroit Unitarian Society and President of the State Association, and in later years a supporter of the Universalist Society in the city. Unpretending in manner, he is quietly social and friendly, with a cheery humor as spar-

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kling and fine as the babbling brooks among his native hills.

April 24, 1859, Mr. Farwell married Emma J. Godfrey, of Detroit, a woman whose frank and honest eyes tell an eloquent story of kindly sincerity. Their home life has been happy. Their two sons, George and Jerry G., are in business. A daughter, Emma, just beyond that mystic verge where childhood and womanhood meet, makes up the trio.

The story of the building and dedication of the Farwell School-house, North Charlestown, N.H., 1889-90, is a twice-told tale well worth reading. During the visits of Mr. Farwell and his family to his birthplace the ruinous condition of the district school-house had become a subject of discussion, until their daughter Emma, in an inspired and inspiring moment, proposed that they should build a new one. This plan ripened. Mrs. Farwell wished to pay half the cost. The house, the finest country school-house in the State, had its corner-stone laid July 4, 1889; and a year after the completed building was passed over to the town, these occasions being gala days to hundreds. Extracts from the addresses of Mr. Farwell, and a glimpse of the exercises, will show the spirit in which the good work was done and accepted.

Emma Farwell, who first suggested the building, fitly laid the corner-stone. The Hon. George S. Smith presided. The Rev. T. D. Howard said: "There rises in my memory an address by Dean Stanley to an English audience on the restoration of an ancient church. He spoke of the influence upon those who daily were in sight of the revered and noble building whose walls had been repaired. An atmosphere distinct from that which commonly prevails envelopes a building dedicated to high public service. Above this corner-stone is to be erected a beautiful building. The passing traveller will pause to hear the story of local attachment, affectionate memory, and open-handed generosity, which caused these walls to rise. He may be led to think of the blessings of knowledge and refinement which thence may reach future generations, while every resident near by may well draw inspiration to kindly deeds from this proof of abiding love.

"I am glad, for one, that the friendly rain has led us from floor outside into this church. The cause of education may here fitly receive its rightful sanction. Here we may well affirm that good knowledge is the handmaid of religion, and hope and pray that the instruction given young minds may lead toward that 'fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom.'"

Only the opening sentence of Mr. Farwell's speech is quoted: —

"With a view of giving added interest to the cause of education in country schools, and with a sincere regard for the place of my nativity, childhood, and early boyhood, and in affectionate remembrance of my parents, George and Aurilla Farwell, my grand-parents, Jesse and Abigail Farwell, and my great-grandparents, William and Bethiah Farwell, all now deceased, and with a desire to perpetuate the memory of their modest worth as parents and citizens, I have been led to construct this building, the corner-stone of which is this day to be laid, with the purpose, when fully completed, to present the same to my native town. In depositing this declaration beneath the corner-stone, I desire that there may go with it an acknowledgment of my appreciation of the worth of the several teachers by whom it was my good fortune to be instructed during my school-boy days."

Others spoke briefly; and the people went to their homes in happy mood, to meet again in

larger numbers, July 4, 1890, to see the building dedicated and passed over to the town. When multitudes from near and far gathered beneath a spacious canopy on the grounds, the building stood complete before them. The front door of heavy oak opens into a hall, around which are school and cabinet and library rooms. Its front is eastward, and its broad windows open a fine view down the valley toward the Connecticut River a few miles west and the Vermont mountains beyond. Healthfulness, comfort, and the latest and best school apparatus have been sought for; and further plans for library and cabinets are being laid.

Music by choir and band, brief talks by the Rev. Calvin Stebbins, of Worcester, formerly of Detroit, the Hon. H. W. Parker, of Claremont, A. Wait, of Newport, the Rev. D. E. Croft, of Charlestown, an address by the Hon. Justin Dartt, reading of letters, a flag delivery (the flag presented by Dr. Byron G. Clark, of New York City), a presentation of mineralogical cabinet by John Hancock Lock, Esq., of North Charlestown, a deluge of mountain flowers poured upon Mrs. Farwell by the ladies and school children, filled the time enjoyably, the speaking being all fit and valuable.

From Mr. Farwell's address, passing over the school-house to the town, extracts are given as follows: —

"*Mr. Chairman,* — Agreeably to promise heretofore made, I now deliver the deed of this house and lot from myself and wife, who joins with me in this conveyance, and who has voluntarily and cheerfully contributed from her own estate the one-half of the cost of this gift to my native town.

"Among the conditions attached to this gift are that it shall be used for a general school and library, and when not in use for those purposes shall be free to all religious organizations which may make application for its use, the purpose being to have it entirely unsectarian and free to all who may choose to use it, reversing in this respect the rule enjoined by the benefactor, and steadily enforced in one of the great educational and industrial institutions of the city of Philadelphia, whereby no minister is to pass within its walls. There is no better way to abolish religious prejudice and bigotry than a free and full presentation of the various doctrines pertaining to the Christian and other religions of the world. In the language of one of the eminent scholars of New England, now deceased, 'the right to read and construe the sacred writings of the Christian and other religions belongs exclusively to no class or set of men, but to the individual who is to rise or fall by his own acts and his own faith, and not by those of another.'"

"It is the sincere wish of Mrs. Farwell, myself, and our daughter, who, with your aid, laid so strong, and we trust enduringly, the corner-stone of this building on the Fourth of July last, that the management of the affairs of this school district by those whose duty it now becomes to care for it, coupled with the efforts of the teachers who from time to time may be intrusted with the education of the children who may here attend, together with the efforts of the children themselves, may be successful in making this school a pride to the community, an ornament to the township, and the model rural school of New Hampshire and New England.

"There is much in the historic memories of this community, town and State, to stimulate the rising generation to noble effort; and with well-directed effort there is sure to follow worthy achievement.

"In the early hours and engagements of the Revolution, when this neighborhood was little

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Emma Jane Farwell.

more than an unbroken wilderness, it was represented ably and heroically by its full share of active men.

"Although of remote lineage, the gallant record of Captain Farwell, who was from this immediate neighborhood at the battle of Bunker Hill, the second engagement of the Revolution, has been and will ever be a proud recollection to myself and family.

"Within sight of where we now are, on yonder mountain range, is to be seen the first camping-ground of the intrepid Stark and his band of Granite patriots, while on their hurried march to the field of Bennington, made historic by their heroism a few days later.

"Going back to earlier days, long prior to the Revolution, during the distressing years of French and Indian wars, we find the little fort in this town the extreme northerly fortified point in the valley of the Connecticut. From the headquarters of their allies at Montreal and Quebec the Indians made their way by water transit up the St. Lawrence, through its connecting waters to Lake Champlain, thence by trail across the mountain regions of Vermont, reaching the Connecticut abreast of this town where they too often found a rich harvest of scalps and prisoners among the surprised and ambushed settlers of those early days. The market for the Indians' booty of human scalps and half-starved prisoners was as clearly established and more steady at Montreal and Quebec in those days than are the markets of to-day for the ordinary items of commerce.

"Many of us forget, in reading of far-off heroic deeds, the equal heroism which has been displayed nearer home and at our very doors. The heroic determination to defend, to the last drop of blood, all which they held nearest and dearest, which animated Captain Stevens and a mere handful of men, women, and children, in the defence of the fort at Charlestown, No. 4, during the French and Indian wars, against nearly a thousand Indian warriors, is not surpassed by the Grecian defence at the Pass of Thermopylæ or the Texan patriots at the gate of the Alamo.

"Allusion was made to the profile of the 'Old Man of the Mountain' by the distinguished orator at the laying of the cornerstone of this building, as being an emblem or sign of one of the occupations of the people of this State — namely, the rearing of men. The allusion was a beautiful and fitting one. However we may speculate as to whether that colossal image of the human face, placed on its lofty pedestal midst the clouds, the White Mountains its fitting base, silent witness of the ever-changing forms of creation and the steady growth of man, was created as a type of the great men who were to be reared in the Granite State, one thing is certain: that there is an influence radiating from that majestic image, with all its attendant and surrounding grandeur, which is directly traceable in the moulding of mind and character of all who are so fortunate as to be born and reared within its influence. . . .

"To the young I would say in conclusion: Place high your ideals, and work steadily toward them. Emulate as near as may be the distinguished examples the history of your State affords. Cultivate a wholesome and kindly rivalry for intellectual, moral, and physical advancement. Let the girls vie with each other and with the boys, and the boys with the girls, in efforts to care for this property and in ornamentation of its grounds. Keep frequently in mind the stirring incidents of the past, consider your prospects and your duties, think of the rich inheritance acquired by generations of ancestors, and recollect always that it was they who founded the fabric

of your prosperity in a severe and robust morality, having intelligence for its cement, and religion for its groundwork. Continue to build on the same foundation and by the same principles."

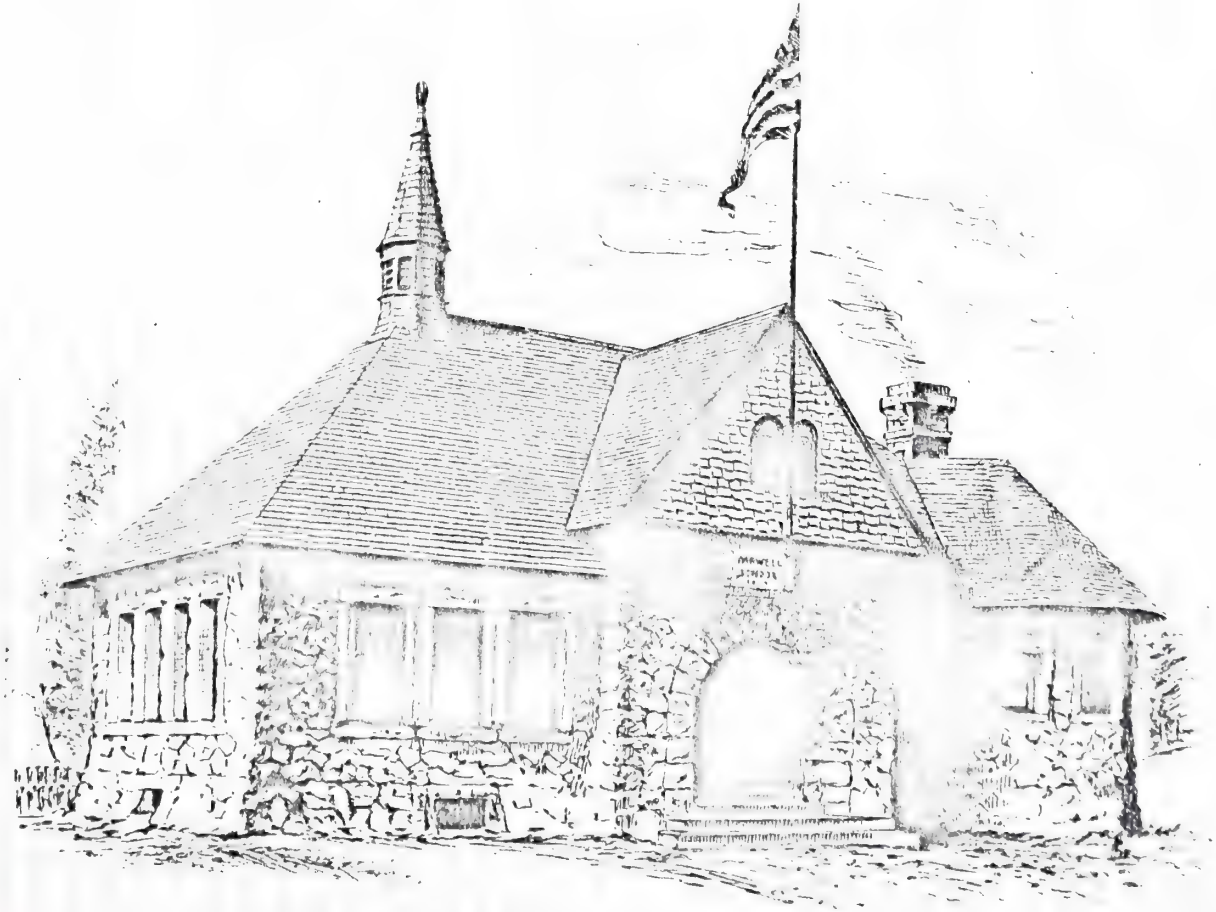
The following is the address by the Hon. Justin Dartt, the leading orator of the day:—

"This is a day of gladness. It is a happy occasion that has called us here. I see it in your faces. Who here is not happy? Who does not rejoice in the great fortune that has fallen to this community? Who has not a stronger faith in humanity and more hope and more courage for the future, as he looks at this beautiful structure, grown from the generous philanthropy of a man whom your State gave to the West, and who is now giving back to the East? Some people know how to build monuments that shall endure. Such are your benefactors.

"Some months ago I was beside that wonderful mausoleum in my native State where a man expended a fortune of nearly one hundred thousand to entomb the remains of his wife and daughter, and set up before its portal a statue of himself. This was some satisfaction, some pleasure to him, no doubt, but no benefit to others, save as a work of skill and art which they may admire. And then a little later I stood in the shadow of Brigham Academy, and read over its entrance, 'Erected by Peter Brigham.' Here, I thought, is a monument worth the building. That mausoleum with its statue and its mirrors and its landscapes, shall consume away and crumble into dust with the bodies of the dead, and the builder will be forgotten; but Peter Brigham will live on and on in the lives of those he helped to a better manhood and of those influenced by them. Yes, we are learning to build monuments more lasting than the granite and the marble. We build them in human hearts.

"This school building is intrusted to your care, people of this district. You have accepted the trust, guard it well. Let no idle hand deface its walls or mar its beauty. Keep in your hearts the spirit of the donor, and suffer no neglect to lessen your interest in its preservation. Permit no teacher to preside in these rooms who has not a love for and a sympathy with childhood, and may the influence of this school ever be as clean and chaste as the edifice now before us. We dedicate it to the children of this district, those who are here and those who are to come after them in the years of the future. Happy are those children whose parents and the people among whom they live never grow old, never forget that they have been children, and who can appreciate the value of the beautiful in the surroundings of child life.

"Wordsworth wrote, 'The child is father to the man'; and Milton said that 'childhood shows the man as morning shows the day.' Experience proves that they knew whereof they spoke; and, as we hope for true men and noble women in the future, so we build for them to-day, and this beautiful structure, unique in its design, elegant in all its appointments, shall stand for learning and culture, for discipline of life and worth of character, in those who are trained within it. How well the architect has made it represent the thought for which it stands! Varied and diversified in its material, it shall give its privileges to all. No sectarianism here, no party divisions in its favors, no distinction in those to whom its benefits are given; but it is free to all, a grand representative of the common-school system of which it forms a part. Other men have built academies, colleges, halls, and libraries almost without number; and we honor their deeds and their memories. The donors of this building have built better than they because they have



FARWELL SCHOOL, CHARLESTOWN, N.H.

built for the children, for the common school, the foundation of our educational system.

"I believe this to be the first instance where a house of such rare beauty and elegance has been devoted to the elementary schools of the country, a house that has no equal among the district-school buildings of the land.

"Standing here in this representative community of the State, this house is also dedicated to the future stability of the Commonwealth. Carved from the granite of her hills, it shall be the support of her honor and the guardian of her virtue and patriotism by means of its influence upon her citizenship, for,

> 'The riches of the Commonwealth
> Are free, strong minds and hearts of health;
> And more to her than gold and gain
> The cunning hand and cultured brain.'

"But more than this. Planted here in this lovely valley of a sovereign State of the nation, a part of a great system of education that reaches from ocean to ocean, from the Gulf to the Great Lakes, this little gem, more valuable than the diamond, is consecrated to national liberty, to the further and larger development of that idea which landed with the Pilgrims, to the principle that was born in the cabin of the 'Mayflower,' a principle destined to permeate all nations and draw the allegiance of the world.

"It is said by the great generals of the past that in every decisive battle there is a moment of crisis on which the fortune of the day turns, and he who seizes and holds that ridge of destiny wins the victory. There are crises in the course of nations as well as in the tide of war, and in this crisis of our country — for I believe we are even now fast approaching one — education and her allies must hold the part. She will hold it, and win for truth and righteousness. The mightiest factors in human progress are unseen. They come not with the noise and wrangle of political debate, they are not on the surface of strikes and labor agitations; but, like the sunshine and the rain, they move the latent powers of a world's philanthropy, and give an abundant harvest of blessings.

"Such a power are the schools of America. The lines that lead out from our New England civilization have touched every village and hamlet of the national domain. The school teachers are touching the wires that are to reach every home and child in the land. Grand as have been the successes of the past, they are to pale and grow dim before the results of the near future. We are not to fail. We'll meet the incomer from every nation with the common school for his children. We'll send its currents through and through the great surging mass of ignorance in that South land. Even now the rays are breaking out through the dark cloud like electric lights in the blackness of a storm.

"When cities rivalling the magnificence of every other age, shall stand on the borders of the Pacific, the public school will be there. When the commerce of the Eastern nations shall crowd the gates of those cities, we'll send back to the worn-out civilizations of the Old World the bearers of a Christian education, before which ignorance shall be ashamed and superstition hide from the sight of man."

The question of deep water ways from lakes to ocean and other matters of moment, in commerce and transportation especially, have always commanded Mr. Farwell's attention, whether he had direct personal interest in them or not. A new site for a new post-office building, for instance, was an impersonal affair, but enlisted his hearty interest.

Whether the railroads should bridge the

river at Detroit, and thus, as he and others claimed, obstruct navigation, or whether a tunnel should or could be built under water fifty feet deep, he held of great importance to the people of the whole North-west. When the question came up in 1888, he addressed public meetings and wrote terse and strong letters in favor of a tunnel. In one of these letters is quoted a statement of General Poe, the eminent engineer then in government charge of harbors, canals, etc., on the Great Lakes, that the annual saving in freight from Lake Superior alone, by water rather than rail, was over ten million dollars, and that, but for water routes, the total like extra cost would exceed forty million dollars, saying that the freight passing through the Suez Canal is less than half what passes through the river at Detroit, "which speculators are trying to obstruct by piers and bridges." His brief paragraphs made a strong impression. The advocates of a bridge about that time made an estimate of its cost as about six million dollars, along with an effort to show that a tunnel was impracticable.

It was soon known that he was ready, with others, to guarantee the completion of a tunnel for three million five hundred thousand dollars, and from the leading Lake cities came protests against bridges. During the ten years since, one tunnel has been built, and is in safe and constant use at Port Huron, but not a bridge at Detroit or elsewhere. When navigation through the "Soo" and the St. Clair Canals was obstructed by accidents in 1888, Mr. Farwell telegraphed President Cleveland, who promptly cut all "red tape," and had needed help given at once. He afterward addressed him a letter favoring the Nicaragua Canal.

In deep water ways — twenty-foot channels and canals from Chicago and Duluth to the seaboard — he took strong interest. On these subjects he spoke at Buffalo, Detroit, St. Louis, Tacoma, and elsewhere, usually in conventions. His resolutions and remarks at St. Louis are given in full: —

"At the Nicaragua Canal Convention held at St. Louis, Mo., on June 1, 1892, Mr. Jesse H. Farwell, representing the State of Michigan, offered the appended resolutions and addressed the convention as follows: —

"*Whereas the construction of a canal uniting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans by way of Lake Nicaragua is now the imperative demand of the commercial world, and will be the equal benefactor of all maritime nations; and*

"*Whereas the distinguishing feature of the generation in which we live is the growth of the sentiment of universal brotherhood and by virtue thereof the fraternity of nations; therefore*

"*Resolved that the President of the United States be and he is hereby requested to invite to a conference representatives from all nations with whom this nation has had diplomatic relations, to the end that the Nicaragua Canal may be built by joint effort of nations, that, as its beneficence is universal, so the protection and care of it may be the bounden obligation of the maritime world, that, uninterrupted by internecine strife, it may continue for all time the peaceful pathway of a world's commerce.*"

Mr. Farwell spoke as follows: "Coming uninstructed from a State which stands prominent in successful efforts for the development of the internal commerce of the country; a Commonwealth which has by far the longest coast line washed by navigable waters of any of our forty-four States; a State, every foot of whose borders of two thousand miles is constantly washed by the ebb and flow created by the innumerable steam and sail craft whose

keels create a perpetual wake around her two peninsulas; a State, in front of whose chief financial and commercial metropolis there moves a commerce which in volume surpasses that passing any other point on the globe; a city which, sitting on the banks of the broad, blue Bosphorus of this western hemisphere, has been justly likened in its geographical position to the city of Constantine in the eastern world — it is proper, I believe, that I call the attention of this convention to the fact that, under a wise and liberal system of State and national policy, seventy million of people cheerfully contribute to the widening, straightening, and deepening of the various channels connecting our great inland seas.

"Long before the United States had a national existence and at a period of England's history when she had already dotted the surface of the globe with her possessions and her military posts, and when her morning drum-beats, travelling with the sun and keeping time with the hours, circled the earth with one continuous and unbroken strain of her martial airs, she in connection with France dedicated all the water ways of our northern and north-western frontier to be forever free and unobstructed to all the nations of the earth.

"The development following the policy just outlined, and which may be classed as the line of Christian civilization, is simply marvellous.

"Buffalo at that time was a straggling village, Detroit a camping-ground of the Indians, Chicago absolutely unknown, and the waters of Lake Superior had scarcely been stirred by a white man's skiff; while to-day almost every square mile of its vast area is lightened by the sails of its vessels, or shaded by the smoke of its rushing steamers. And the gateway to and from that lake, which, although admitting at one time and every half-hour four of the largest steamships, and with one movement lifting them from the level of Lake Huron to that of Lake Superior, is insufficient for the present and rapidly increasing traffic.

"Coming from a State with surroundings such as I have recited and with an experience thus suggestive and cheering, I hazard nothing in saying that Michigan will be in the very front rank of promoters of this work, and will stand ready to do her full share in aid of its rapid and speedy completion.

"For the sake of contrast, go in memory over the history of the eastern world, and you will call to mind that to gain possession of the eastern Bosphorus on one hand and to maintain the same on the other, Europe, Asia, and Africa have, decade after decade, generation after generation, and century after century, marshalled gigantic armies, and almost from the period of recorded history have continued to enrich the soil of each with the best blood of their soldiery, and crimsoned alike the cold currents of the Baltic, the softer currents of the Mediterranean and the Nile, and the blue waters of the Adriatic with the best blood of their naval heroes.

"The development following this last recited policy has been along the line of barbaric civilization, the effect of which is best described under terms of servile, mindless, and enervate Ottoman and darkest Russia.

"Assembled as we are, Mr. President, to consider a project which has occupied the attention of the civilized world since the discovery of America, and which has through successive periods received some of the best thought and effort of engineering and business minds, and to accomplish which five hundred millions of dollars and fifty thousand human lives have been wasted, it may be well to consider the board and enlightened policy which

dictated the treaty I have alluded to, and the unexampled results which have arisen therefrom.

"Had the maritime nations acted in consonance with that policy in reference to an interoceanic canal, we should have enjoyed its advantages one hundred years ago.

"The expressed desire of one of the many able writers and promoters of this enterprise is that the first steamship which passes through the Nicaragua Canal may hail from San Francisco; and he declares that when he has seen the flag of our country floating from the peak of an ocean steamship on Lake Nicaragua, he will reverently paraphrase the devout Simeon of nineteen centuries ago: 'Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen the salvation of the Pacific Coast and the glory of the great Republic.'

"My devout desire is to live to see, contemporaneously with the completion of the Nicaragua Canal from ocean to ocean, the completion of that other great national work which was inaugurated at Detroit last December; namely, a ship canal connecting our great inland seas with the larger oceans; and, on the completion of these great works, world-wide in their influence and benefits, I hope to see not only the Stars and Stripes, but the flags of all maritime nations, gaily and peacefully floating from the mast-heads of their various steamers on the route from the Pacific to the Atlantic and *vice versa*, and also on that other route, which I trust I may live to see completed, connecting our great inland lakes with the outer oceans. My own idea is that all the maritime and inland States be federated together for the completion of this great work.

"Such would be a fitting climax for these closing years of the nineteenth century of our Christian era, and would be the practical realization of what has hitherto been the ideal dream of the philanthropist — namely, the universal brotherhood of man, the federation of the nations, and a parliament of the world.

"In this line of thought, but in no dogmatic spirit, I have offered these resolutions, and ask a respectful consideration thereof by this convention."

A glance at the genealogical records of the Farwell and allied families shows that the subject of the foregoing sketch numbers among his ancestors some of the earliest colonists of New England and some of the most noted and influential, both in the Plymouth settlement and the Bay province. The Farwell line is thus given: —

(1) Henry Farwell from England settled in Concord, Mass., in 1638, moved to Chelmsford, Mass., in 1650, and died there in 1670; his wife, Olive, at same town, 1691. The earliest town records of Concord being lost, knowledge of these two is scanty; but they were probably ancestors of all or most of the name in New England and of many elsewhere. (2) Their son, Joseph Farwell, born in Concord, 1642, married Hannah Learned, of Chelmsford, in 1666, and died in Dunstable, Mass., in 1722. (3) Isaac Farwell, son of Joseph, born in Chelmsford, died about 1753. (4) William Farwell, son of Isaac, born in Medford, Mass., in 1712, died in Charlestown, N.H., in 1801, married Bethiah Eldridge. (5) Jesse and Abigail (Allen) Farwell, of North Charlestown, N.H. (6) George and Aurilla (Brownell) Farwell. (7) Their son, Jesse H. Farwell, born in 1834, in North Charlestown, N.H., now of Detroit, Mich.

Henry Farwell and his descendants were trustworthy, the men holding town and church offices far more important then than now. They were substantial farmers and landholders, intelligent and independent in thought. One stood firm in the patriot ranks on Bunker Hill.

Several were in Indian fights, some taken prisoners. The Rev. William Farwell, a great-uncle of Jesse H. Farwell, was the first Universalist preacher in Northern Vermont and New Hampshire, an heretical bishop travelling much over his wide diocese, holding toil and peril but light trials, and much beloved as a true man. In Barre, Vt., one of his societies built a church over a century ago. The Farwells were a steadfast race, such men and women as hold the world together.

The wife of Jesse Farwell and grandmother of Jesse H. Farwell was Abigail Allen, daughter of Benjamin and Peggy (Spofford) Allen, and grand-daughter of Captain John and Hannah (Tyler) Spofford. Benjamin Allen was in Stark's brigade at Bennington and Saratoga. The Spofford family is a very old one in England, the name being found in the Doomsday Book, or record of the division of lands after the Norman Conquest in 1066, and also in Saxon chronicles of an earlier date. The Spofford Genealogy, prepared mostly by the late Dr. Jeremiah Spofford, of Georgetown, Mass., and edited by his daughter, contains a picture of Spofforth Castle, an interesting ruin in Spofforth or Spofford, Yorkshire, England, whose owner in the eleventh century, Gamelbar, Lord of Spofforth, was son of Gamel, who before the Conquest was lord of the manor of Ilkley, and was the ancestor of the Spofforths or Spoffords of Yorkshire. Captain John Spofford, above named, born in 1704, grandfather of Abigail, wife of Jesse Farwell, was a great-grandson of John Spofford, one of the first settlers of Rowley, Mass., and the first settler in Georgetown, Mass. Of the latter, who had the reputation of being an intensely pious man, a curious anecdote is related: "There had been a severe drought, and he went to Salem to buy corn for himself and his neighbors. The merchant to whom he applied, knowing the scarcity, and foreseeing higher prices, refused to sell. After pleading in vain, John Spofford cursed the merchant to his face, and was promptly brought before the local magistrate, charged with profane swearing. Spofford replied that he had not sworn profanely but as a religious duty, and quoted Prov. xi., 26, as his authority. The words he quoted are: 'He that witholdeth corn from the hungry, the people shall curse him.' Spofford was immediately acquitted, and, by the summary power of the Court in those days, the merchant was ordered to deliver the corn." Captain John Spofford, his great-grandson, already mentioned, after marriage resided for ten years in Georgetown, and then removed to what is now Charlestown, N.H. The saw-mill and grist-mill built here by him, the first in this region, were burned by the Indians in 1746; and he himself, with one or two others, was carried away a prisoner to Canada, whence he returned in 1747. The mills built to replace these were also destroyed, and afterward the third mills were built. Settlers came from Lancaster, one hundred and twenty four miles away, to have their corn ground by Captain Spofford. Hannah Tyler, wife of Captain John Spofford, was a daughter of Job and Margaret (Bradstreet) Tyler, and her mother, Margaret, a daughter of Colonel Dudley Bradstreet, who was a son of Governor Simon and Anne (Dudley) Bradstreet, both of honored memory, he an able and faithful government official in the Massachusetts Bay Colony for over sixty years, chief magistrate for thirteen years; she a poet, the first American woman of letters, a lady of gentle birth and breeding, daughter of Governor Thomas Dudley. Governor and Mistress Anne Bradstreet were the parents of eight children. From them many distinguished Americans — for example,

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Wendell Phillips, William Ellery Channing — have traced their lineage.

Mr. Jesse H. Farwell's mother, Mrs. Aurilla (Brownell) Farwell, was a daughter of Henry and Ruth (Shaw) Brownell, of Little Compton, R.I. She was, on the maternal side, of the sixth generation in descent from John and Priscilla (Mullens) Alden, of the "Mayflower" and Plymouth Colony, being a great-great-grand-daughter of their daughter Elizabeth, the first white woman born in New England, who married William Pabodie (or Peabody), of Duxbury, afterward of Little Compton, R.I. Sarah Pabodie, daughter of William and Elizabeth, became the wife of John Coe; and their daughter, Mrs. Lydia Coe Shaw, was the mother of Mrs. Ruth Shaw Brownell and grandmother of Aurilla Brownell.

Mrs. Elizabeth Alden Pabodie died at Little Compton, R.I., May 31, 1717, in the ninety-third or ninety-fourth year of her age. Her tomb bears the following inscription: —

"A bud from Plymouth's 'Mayflower' sprung,
Transplanted here to live and bloom,
Her memory, ever sweet and young,
The centuries guard within this tomb."

BENJAMIN W. BREED, farmer, of Franklin, Merrimack County, N.H., a veteran of the Civil War, who nearly lost his life by a gunshot wound received in battle, was born in Nelson, Cheshire County, February 12, 1830, son of John and Sarah (Blood) Breed. Many of his ancestors and of their near kin were of Massachusetts birth, and were lifelong residents of that State, the family being one of the earliest that settled in Essex County. Dr. Nathaniel Breed, who was a native of Lynn, Mass., was a surgeon's mate on the staff of General Washington in the Revolution. Dr. Breed's son John was at the battle of Bunker Hill, which was really fought, as we know, on Breed's Hill. John Breed spent the greater part of his life in Nelson, N.H., but passed his last years in Sheboygan, Wis.

John Breed, son of John and father of Benjamin W., resided in Nelson until 1840, when he removed to Franklin, and settled upon the farm which his son now occupies. He died in 1860. He was twice married; and by his first wife, Rhoda Wheeler, of Nelson, he had four children, none of whom are living. His second wife, Sarah Blood, who was a native of Tyngsboro, Mass., became the mother of five children, as follows: Rhoda, who lives in Franklin Falls, and is the widow of Benjamin H. Holt; Charles, who resided for a time in Charlestown, Mass., and died at New Orleans in 1864; Sarah Ann, who married Washington Clark, of Tilton, and is no longer living; Benjamin W., the subject of this sketch; and J. Newton, who married Betsey Bromley, and resides in Chelsea, Mass. Mrs. Sarah Blood Breed died in 1879. She was a daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Walker) Blood, and grand-daughter of Captain Benjamin Walker, who was wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Bunker Hill, and died in captivity.

Benjamin W. Breed acquired a common-school education, and resided at home until twenty-three years old. He followed agricultural pursuits until November 4, 1861, when he enlisted in Company I, First New England Cavalry, under Captain S. R. Swett and Colonel Lawton, of Rhode Island. He received a gunshot wound in his leg at Front Royal, Va., May 30, 1862, which confined him to the hospital for some time. Shortly after he was shot he was told that he might live ten days,

but there was no more chance for him to survive four weeks than if his head had been cut off. The reply he gave to the orderly sergeant was, "The surgeon don't known how tough old Ben is." And so it proved. He was discharged November 3, 1862. Re-enlisting November 17, 1863, in the Reserve Corps, he did hospital duty in Washington, D.C., until finally discharged August 21, 1865. He returned to Franklin, and resided upon the River Road until 1871, when he took up his residence at the homestead, and has since been engaged in general farming. He owns one hundred and seventeen acres of excellent land, the fertility of which he has greatly increased; and he has improved his property by erecting new buildings. He carried the bullet in his leg sixteen years; and then, when it had worked out toward the surface, it was extracted. He now has it in his possession, a flattened piece of lead, with scraped bits of bone adhering to it yet. With this source of inflammation removed, his physical condition is now much better than before, and he is able to do light work.

On February 21, 1851, Mr. Breed was joined in marriage with Sarah Philbrick. She was born in Sanbornton, N.H., daughter of Benjamin and Charlotte Philbrick. She died June 12, 1892; and on August 5, 1894, Mr. Breed married Mrs. Cynthia Jane Philbrick Taylor, his first wife's sister. She was the widow of Levi Taylor, a carpenter of Providence, R.I., and by her first husband she had two children: Mabel, now wife of J. M. Wells, who is in the hardware business in Portsmouth, N.H.; and Nellie, wife of Alfred L. Pomeroy, a coal dealer in Chicopee, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Breed have no children.

In politics Mr. Breed is a Republican, and formerly took an active interest in public affairs. He is highly esteemed as an industrious farmer and a worthy citizen, and is popular among the comrades of George R. Swett Post, No. 38, G. A. R.

WILLIAM F. HEAD, an extensive manufacturer, lumber dealer, and agriculturist of Hookset, N.H., is well known as one of the most enterprising and successful business men of Merrimack County. He was born in Hookset, September 25, 1832, son of John and Annie (Brown) Head, and is a younger brother of the late ex-Governor Natt Head, with whom for thirty years, 1852 to 1883, he was associated in business.

The Head family, although not one of the oldest in New England, has a history in this country of more than two hundred years. The emigrant ancestor was Arthur Head, a native, it is supposed, of Wales, who settled at New Castle, N.H., in 1671, and died there in September, 1711. He was survived by his wife, Sarah, who died not later than 1718. They reared five children, the eldest of whom was James Head, the great-great-grandfather of William F.

James Head was born at New Castle in 1683. In 1707 he removed to Bradford, Mass., where he made his home until his death in 1743. He was twice married, and had three children by his first wife, Sarah Atwood, who died in 1717, and three by his second wife, Elizabeth Atwood, his first wife's sister, Major James Head, the next in line of descent, being the last-born.

Major James Head lived in Bradford, Mass., the place of his birth, until 1770, when he established himself as a farmer in Pembroke, N.H. He enlisted in the war of the Revolution, receiving a commission as Major in Colonel Stickney's regiment, and at

the battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777, was killed.. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Thurston, bore him seven children, Nathaniel, their third child, being grandfather of William F.

Nathaniel Head was born March 4, 1754, in Bradford, Mass., and in 1770 accompanied his parents to Pembroke, N.H., where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1783. Coming then to Chester, now Hookset, he built a log cabin, in which he and his family lived for many years, while he was engaged in the pioneer labor of clearing and improving his land. In addition to general farming, he established a substantial lumber business, which has since been profitably carried on by his descendants. He built a hotel, or tavern, as it was then called, and, being licensed as an innkeeper in 1784, dispensed hospitality as a landlord for thirty-five years. He took a prominent part in local affairs, holding at different times all of the town offices, and serving as Justice of the Peace many years. He was quite active in military circles, and, being the Commander of a company of militia, was known as Captain Head. He married Miss Annie Knox, of Pembroke; and John, father of William F. Head, was the seventh of their nine children. Captain Head lived to a good old age, dying in 1831.

Colonel John Head, a lifelong resident of Hookset, Merrimack County, was born May 30, 1791, and died August 7, 1835. He was for many years numbered among the foremost farmers and lumber dealers of this part of the county. He married July 11, 1822, Miss Annie Brown, a daughter of William and Sallie (Bunten) Brown, and they became the parents of seven children; namely, Hannah Ann, Sally B., Natt and William Brown (twins), John A., William F., and Mary Jane. Hannah Ann Head, born January 19, 1824, married Colonel Josiah Stevens, and died July 9, 1896, leaving one child, Sarah Frances, who married J. Henry Dearborn. A son, Edwin Eugene Stevens, died April 4, 1896, three months before his mother. Sally B. Head, who was born February 25, 1826, was married March 4, 1863, to Hall B. Emery, of Pembroke. Natt Head (of whom see special sketch) and William Brown Head, twins, were born May 20, 1828; and William Brown died September 20, 1829. John A. Head, born July 9, 1830, married December 4, 1862, Abbie F. Davis, of Fort Atkinson, Wis., and had one child, a son, Frank, who died at the age of fifteen months. Mary Jane Head, who was born April 20, 1835, died March 13, 1836.

William F. Head was educated in Pembroke, and remained on the home farm with his mother. When about twenty years of age he entered into business with his brother Natt, establishing in Hookset in 1852 the manufacture of bricks, which they carried on until the death of Natt Head some thirty years later, the brothers having such faith in each other's honor that no books were ever kept, everything being owned in common. Mr. Head has had various business enterprises under his command, in each of which he has been very successful, managing his brickyards, mills, and large farm, and continuing the lumber business established by his grandfather, Captain Head. Under his sagacious management this industry has assumed large proportions. In 1871 was formed the Head & Dowst Company, contractors and builders, Mr. Head being Vice-President. His farm, the old Head homestead, contains two hundred and fifty acres of land, on which he averages an annual crop of two hundred and fifty tons of hay.

On November 4, 1858, William F. Head married Miss Mary Haseltine Sargent, a

daughter of Sterling and Sally (Gault) Sargent, of Allenstown, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. Head are the parents of two children, namely: Eugene Sterling, born June 1, 1863; and Sallie, who was born April 30, 1866, and was graduated at Lasell Seminary in 1887. Eugene S. Head was educated at Pembroke Academy and at Dartmouth College. He is now in business with his father, the firm name being William F. Head & Son. On account of the father's impaired health the management now rests upon the son, who is daily proving himself equal to the responsibility. In 1891 he served creditably as a member of the Legislature, and he is a member of the Republican State Committee. He is also a member of the School Board. He was married November 19, 1884, to Miss Hattie M. Hoyt. They have two children: William Hoyt, born April 24, 1886; and Mary H., born October 29, 1888.

Mr. William F. Head has held many important public offices. He served as Selectman in 1859, and 1860; in 1869, and 1870 he was a member of the State legislature, representing the town of Hookset; and in 1876 he was a member of the Constitutional Convention. Well-versed in monetary affairs and a man of marked executive ability, he is Director of the Suncook Valley Railway Company, a Trustee of the Merrimack River Savings Bank, and of the First National Bank of Manchester, this State, and a Trustee of the New England Agricultural Society. For many years he has been prominent in the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Eureka Lodge, F. & A. M., of Concord, which he joined in 1863; being a charter member of Jewell Lodge, F. & A. M., of Suncook; and a member of Trinity Commandery, K. T., of Manchester. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

NATHANIEL HEAD, Governor of New Hampshire from 1879 to 1881, was born May 20, 1828, son of John and Annie (Brown) Head. Having completed his education in the schools of Pembroke, he began life as a farmer and lumberman at a very early age, remaining on the old homestead. His military career commenced on September 1, 1847, when he was appointed Drum Major of the Eleventh Regiment, Third Brigade, First Division, of the State militia, in which he served four years. He was an original member of the famous Horse Guards, in which he was Drum Major and Chief Bugler during the existence of the corps. He was likewise connected with the Amoskeag Veterans of Manchester, N.H., and was an honorary member of the Boston Lancers and of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of that city. During his early life he served in various public capacities, being Deputy Sheriff many years, and in 1861 and 1862 representing his town in the State legislature. On March 26, 1864, he received an appointment that brought him more conspicuously before the public, Governor Gilmore making him Adjutant, Inspector, and Quartermaster-general. In 1875 occurred the celebrated controversy in the Senatorial district over the spelling of his name, so many of the votes being cast out that he failed of election; but on the following year his constituents, careful that a like mistake did not occur, elected him to the Senate by a large vote. In 1878 he was elected Governor of the State, being the first to hold the office under the then new biennial law.

A man of superior ability and of strict integrity, Natt Head was also prominent in other important offices. For several years he was a Director of the Suncook Valley Railway

Company, of the First National Bank of Manchester, N.H., and of the New Hampshire Fire Insurance Company. He was likewise President of the China Savings Bank of Suncook and a Trustee of the Merrimack River Savings Bank of Manchester. He was a charter member of Jewell Lodge, F. & A. M., of Suncook; a member of the K. of P. lodge of the same place; and a charter member of the Howard Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Suncook. Deeply interested in the early history of our country, he identified himself with the New Hampshire Historical Society, of which he was Vice-President. He was not a member of any church, but was liberal in his religious belief. His active public life, which won him a wide reputation, brought him in contact with many of the leading men of his times; and he had a personal acquaintance with Generals Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, and others, and was often invited to accompany them on different trips through the country.

He married Miss Abbie M. Sanford, of Lowell, Mass., on November 19, 1863, and they became the parents of three children, as follows: Annie Sanford, born June 23, 1865; Lewis Fisher, born February 18, 1868, who died March 4, 1872; and Alice Perley, who was born December 28, 1870, and died November 20, 1879. Ex-Governor Head died November 12, 1883.

JOHN P. ROUNSEVEL, formerly a well-known wool buyer of Claremont, was born in Unity, N.H., January 2, 1815, son of Royal and Betsey (Sweat) Rounsevel. Rounseville, the original spelling of the name, was changed to the present form by Joseph Rounsevel about the year 1768. In 1749 Thomas Rounseville wrote from Ottery St. Mary to Philip Rounseville, of England, who afterward came to this country. He settled in Freetown, Mass., and was called by the townspeople King Philip. His son Joseph, who, born January 3, 1737, died in 1827, went to Washington, N.H., between 1768 and 1772, from Middleboro, Mass., having previously resided in East Freetown. Joseph was a good farmer, a well-read man, and a Justice of the Peace. He executed the legal business of the town, and represented Washington with other towns in the General Court. His children were: Alden, Charity, Phebe, John, Rosamond, and Royal. Alden married Hannah Wells. Charity married Manasseh Farnsworth in 1784. Phebe never married. John married Rebecca Chamberlain in 1768. Rosamond married Thomas Putnam in 1787. Royal's children were: Joseph, Minerva, Elle I., Lyman, and John P. Of them Joseph, who was born in 1796, and died December 24, 1858, married Betsey Laughton, who had by him five children — Sarah, Harriet, Holmes, Lyman, and Marinda. Minerva, born in 1799, who married John Stowell, had no children, and died in July, 1848. Elle I., born February 15, 1801, who married Orrill Reckard, and had four children — Ellen H., Royal D., Mary, and William — died September 19, 1852. Lyman, born November 7, 1805, married Sarah Sparling, by whom he became the father of seven children — Thomas Eaton, Vienna Elizabeth, Lyman Eaton, Homer S., Almira, Diantha S., and William Ashton.

Royal Rounsevel, the father of John P., born in Washington, this county, in 1772, married Betsey Sweat, of Unity, who died January 22, 1837. He was well educated for the times, and taught school in Weare, N.H., for some years. He finally gave up teaching for a farmer's life, and in middle life moved to Unity. A Quaker in religious belief, he

belonged to the Society of Friends that held regular meetings in Unity. While an earnest member of the sect, he was a man of quiet disposition and a good neighbor. He died September 17, 1829, leaving five children. These, with the exception of John P., were for many years residents and farmers of Sullivan County, where they were born. Lyman, who was a drover for thirty years, spent the last twenty-five years of his life in the occupation of tanner; and during his stay in Unity he was for two years a member of the legislature.

John P. Rounsevel, the youngest son of his parents, was well educated. He attended school at Chester and Cavendish, Vt., and later at Meriden and Unity, N.H. In Unity he was under the instruction of Dr. Miner. It was designed to send him to college, but his impaired health caused the plan to be given up. At the age of seventeen he entered the profession of teacher; and he subsequently taught in both public and private schools in Charlestown, Acworth, Unity, and Claremont. He had spent two years teaching in La Grange, Ga., when his health succumbed to the warm climate, and he returned to school-teaching in the North for another year. He then tried travelling for his health, and sold clothes and other merchandise. In 1850 he went to California, and there was variously occupied in mining, farming, and trading among the miners; but he returned home sick in 1852. In 1854 he became a merchant in Littleton. From there he removed to Claremont in 1858, and there carried on a dry-goods business for nine years. He then took up the clothing business, and finally that of wool-buying, which he commenced when the Civil War was in progress, and in which he was very successful. He was with the Keene Company, of Keene, N.H., for ten years, and in 1890 gave up his business to his son. For thirty years he was a Director of the Sullivan Savings Bank, and its Vice-President for many years. Mr. Rounsevel married Sarah Jane, daughter of Eaton Bailey. Eaton Bailey, son of John Bailey, lived in Unity, and was a farmer and drover. Before her marriage Mrs. Rounsevel was a pupil of Mr. Rounsevel, and she subsequently taught school for one term. Their only child, Charles W., born June 25, 1856, who is the station agent of Newport, N.H., married Alice Sargent, and has one child, Henry H. Mr. Rounsevel, Sr., was a legislative Representative for two years. He died May 1, 1897, regretted as a loss to the community.

WARREN SMITH HILL, a successful contractor and farmer of Northfield, was born in this town, February 9, 1842. His father, Captain Warren Lapham Hill, was a native of the same town; and his mother, Betsey Tucker Hill, was born in Hopkinton, December 26, 1806, and died February 6, 1886. The progenitors of Mr. Hill were the original settlers of Northfield, and came from Salisbury, Mass., about the close of the Revolutionary War. They were two of the four sons of Daniel Hill, and were, together with their father, shoemakers by trade. They supplied the Continental soldiers with shoes, and were paid in the scrip then issued, which later became so depreciated that they were forced into other lines of labor and became coopers. Seeking new fields of activity, they went to Concord, this State, and, meeting with a certain Captain Blanchard, were directed to the locality now known as Bay Hill, where, they were told, was to be found good land for farming and very cheap (as there was no meeting-house in town to give

it much worth), besides the finest of scenery. It is related that on this trip they each took with them a bag of one hundred silver dollars (English coined), and that they travelled from Salisbury, Mass., to Northfield, stopping in Concord, made their selection and returned, all within twenty-four hours. Timothy and John were their names; and the former married Miss Betsey Lapham, of Salisbury, and settled with the rest of his family in the Bay Hill house, which still stands, almost in its original style. Timothy, it seems, did not use all of the one hundred silver dollars brought by him to buy land, and four of them were distributed to the living children of Captain Warren Hill at a marriage anniversary where the entire families were present. One of the dollars is kept as an heirloom by the subject of this sketch.

Warren Hill, father of Warren Smith Hill (or, as he was familiarly known to his friends and acquaintances, Captain Warren), succeeded to the ownership of the farm purchased and cultivated by Timothy, and during his lifetime continued its cultivation, besides running a brickyard near the present site of the Granite Mills, and also an extensive lumbering business. He served in the State legislature as Representative one session, and was long a prominent factor in town politics. He represented a class of political believers that are fast dying out, a class who, having once fixed their opinions, never waver, and was an uncompromising Democrat to the time of his death. In the early training days, long before the State militia was thought of, Captain Hill was prominent and active, and was given the Captaincy of a company. Hence his title by which he was always thereafter known. He was very prosperous in his business ventures, and was one of the best farmers in the town. He died March 22, 1887. He was the father of seven children; namely, Alvah Tucker, Mary Tucker, Henry Tucker, Martha, Warren S., Marietta, and Charles Frederick, only two of whom are now living. Marietta is the wife of Cliff Forest Giles, of Newport, N.H.

Warren S. Hill attended school in his native town till he was twenty-one years old. He then began farming for himself, and began also a general contractor's business, besides doing a limited amount of lumbering. September 7, 1865, he married Miss Helen Eliza Cofran, of Northfield, daughter of James Hersey and Eliza Brackett (Hall) Cofran, both natives of Northfield. James H. Cofran was born January 3, 1818, and his wife July 12, 1817. They were the parents of four children, namely: Charles Chase, born March 11, 1841; Helen Eliza, who is now Mrs. Hill; Mary Frances, born April 9, 1851, and now a resident of Boston; and Frank Adino, born February 11, 1853, who died August 15, 1896. The last named was at the time of his death a hotel proprietor in Whitefield, N.H., and had during his lifetime successively run and managed the Twin Mountain House and hotels in Florida and Alabama, and in Chicago during the World's Fair.

Mr. Hill is the father of seven children: Kate Florence, born June 16, 1867; Arthur Herman, who was born November 12, 1868, married Florence Goss, of Andover, N.H., October 15, 1896, and is in the grain business in Manchester, N.H.; Helen Josephine, born March 2, 1872, wife of Ned Deaborn, of Northfield; Evelyn Belle, born November 4, 1876; William Henry Clough Hill, born July 25, 1878; Walter Burnham, born December 5, 1879; and Loring Cleveland, born March 3, 1885. The four last named live at home.

Mr. Hill follows the paternal example in politics, and is a stanch Democrat. He retains the ownership of the old homestead, and

it is the only farm remaining intact of those owned by the original settlers of the town.

HARVEY GRAVES McINTIRE, M.D., formerly one of the leading physicians of Concord, was born in Lyndeboro, N.H., July 2, 1824, son of Elias and Elizabeth (Buxton) McIntire. Elias McIntire, son of Elias, Sr., and Bethiah (Hayward) McIntire, was a native of Reading, Mass., and belonged to one of the oldest families of that town. Removing to New Hampshire after marriage, he lived for a time in Amherst, and then settled in Lyndeboro. He followed the occupation of farmer throughout his active period, and was ninety-six years old when he died in Lyndeboro. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen and Phebe (Stearns) Buxton, of Reading, Mass., bore him six children. The only one now living is Deacon Nathaniel McIntire, of Lyndeboro.

Harvey G. McIntire, the youngest of the family, received his education in the district schools and at the academy of Francestown. After graduating from the latter institution, he decided to enter upon the medical profession. In accordance with this design he became a pupil, first, of Dr. Campbell, of Francestown and subsequently of Dr. Elliot, of Manchester, N.H. Later he attended lectures at Harvard University Medical School in Boston, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1848. He began the active practice of his profession in Goshen, N.H., where he remained some seventeen years. Feeling the need of a larger sphere, he then removed to Concord. Here he continued in practice until his death, which was occasioned by an accident, complicated with pneumonia. He married Margaret, daughter of John and Hannah (Dowst) McCrillis; and his children were: H. E., Harvey, and Nathaniel. Harvey married C. J. Briggs; and Nathaniel, who is engaged in the telegraph business at St. Paul, Minn., married Alice Millard.

Dr. McIntire died at Concord, N.H., May 2, 1892. He was regarded by the medical fraternity and the community at large as a man of progressive ideas in his profession. He kept abreast of all the medical reforms and discoveries of his time, and, upon being convinced of their superior merit, was prompt in adopting them. Dr. McIntire was the first physician in New Hampshire to use chloroform as an anæsthetic in surgical operations. He was a member of the Congregational church.

DAVID E. FARWELL, one of the most extensive farmers of Charlestown, N.H., his native place, was born March 20, 1845, the youngest son of George and Aurilla (Brownell) Farwell. He is of the seventh generation in descent from John and Priscilla (Mullens) Alden, of the "Mayflower" company, who were married in Plymouth probably in 1621. [For further notes of ancestry see sketch of Jesse H. Farwell.] Mr. Farwell's great-grandfather, William Farwell, who was born in 1712, was one of the first settlers in Charlestown, coming from Mansfield, Conn. He died here, December 11, 1801. His children by his wife, Bethiah Eldridge, were: William, born in Mansfield in 1749; Phœbe; Gladian; Edwin; and Jesse. William Farwell, Jr., was one of the first in New Hampshire to accept the doctrine of Universalism. Though his opportunities for an education were meagre, he was gifted with a quick intellect and a retentive memory, and was one of the best qual-

ified preachers of his day. He was reared a Congregationalist, but between 1790 and 1795 was converted to Universalism, and was probably the first to preach it in Vermont, there being only two other preachers in the State at that time. The Rev. William Farwell lived for some time in Barre, Vt. He married Miss Phœbe Crosby.

Jesse Farwell, David E. Farwell's grandfather, was born August 15, 1768. He was a brickmaker by trade, but devoted a great part of his life to farming, the Charlestown homestead coming into his possession. He was foremost in every movement for advancing the interests of the town; and as a liberal-minded, public-spirited citizen his memory is cherished by the old residents of the town. He died October 28, 1844. Jesse Farwell married Abigail Allen, and they reared the following children: Bethiah, born December 3, 1793, who died June 12, 1874; Peggy, born October 17, 1795, who became the wife of Asa Meacham; William, born August 11, 1797, who married Sophia Putnam, and died in Buffalo, N.Y., June 21, 1862; George, the father of David E. Farwell; Melinda, born 1797, who died May 11, 1803; Lewis, born September 16, 1806, who married Sylvia Sturtevant; Melinda, born September, 1809, who married Joseph Denison, and died in July, 1848; Eldridge, born March 13, 1812, who died in Buffalo, N.Y., January 27, 1864; and Matilda, born August 30, 1814, who married Seth Meacham October 22, 1836.

George Farwell was born in Charlestown, June 27, 1804. He always resided on the homestead, which he eventually inherited. One of the stirring farmers and prominent citizens of the town, a thoroughly upright man, he was honorable in his business transactions, and was highly esteemed. He was domestic in his habits, and had no desire for public office. In religion Mr. George Farwell was a Universalist. He died November 15, 1875. His wife, Aurilla Brownell Farwell, was born March 25, 1804, and died February 20, 1888. They were the parents of the following children: John H., born February 3, 1830, now in Chicago, Ill.; James H., born February 2, 1832, a resident of Stockton, Cal.; Jesse H., born January 2, 1834; Sarah, born October 30, 1836, who died February 12, 1838; Martha, born July 14, 1841, who died September 12, 1843; and David E., the subject of this sketch.

David E. Farwell was educated in the public schools of Charlestown, beginning at an early age to assist his father on the farm. He succeeded to its ownership after his father's death, and has since managed the property with ability and success. He owns one hundred and seventy-five acres of land, which is devoted to general farming, dairying, and stock-raising; and for the past twenty years he has been engaged extensively in lumbering. Mr. Farwell owns the Horace Metcalf mills in Charlestown and a tract of timber land in Unity, N.H. He was married March 20, 1869, to Etta M., daughter of Charles Barker, of Charlestown. In politics a Democrat, like the rest of his family, he takes an active part in town matters. He was on the School Board two terms, and served as Selectman one year. In religion Mr. Farwell is of the Universalist faith.

EDWARD PAYSON SKINNER, JR., a well-known business man of Windsor, Vt., a dealer in fish and groceries, was born in that town, February 8, 1856, son of Edward P., Sr., and Rebecca (Moody) Skinner. His paternal grandfather, John P., was a son of Captain Benjamin and Sarah

C. (Manning) Skinner. Captain Benjamin Skinner was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and while he was in the army his wife was left at home to take care of the farm and cattle. He died of spotted fever at fifty years of age; and she, long surviving him, died about fifty years ago, at the age of ninety-two years. They had a family of six children. Parry C. Skinner, a brother of John P., was Deacon of the Baptist church for nearly fifty years, and was a very active and prominent business man; Elizabeth P. Skinner, a sister, married the Rev. Baron Stow, for many years a preacher of the Baptist faith in Boston; Mary Skinner married William Beal, of Boston; Sarah C. married a man by the name of Harris; and Lora, the other sister, married the Rev. Mr. Ely, a Baptist minister who preached in Vermont and New Hampshire.

John P. Skinner, who was born in Connecticut, March 10, 1788, was for thirty years proprietor of a stage line along the Connecticut River from Haverhill, N.H., to Hartford, Conn. He made his headquarters at Windsor, where he owned quite a number of farms besides village property; and while engaged in running the stages he kept from eighty to one hundred horses. In his young days, previous to the advent of railroads, it was his custom to cart his farm products to Boston for a market; and these trips usually required two weeks in which to go and return. He started in life as a poor boy, and his accumulation of property was the result of that patient industry and firm determination to succeed which characterized the progressive farmer and business man of his generation. He was widely known and sincerely respected as an honorable, upright man, one who could always be depended upon to meet his obligations punctually; and his record is looked upon with pride by his descendants. He was a member of the Baptist church nearly sixty years. He died August 29, 1867. He married for his first wife, April 16, 1810, Dulcenath Hoisington, who was born April 7, 1794; and for his second wife, July 3, 1856, Miss Sarah C. Hall, of Boston. He was the father of ten children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were as follows: Wealtha M., born August 25, 1811; Laura M., born August 25, 1813; Clara E., born August 1, 1815, who died August 9, 1835; Parker G., born June 25, 1817; William H., born April 30, 1819; Harriet N., born May 24, 1821; John P., born in March, 1823, who died in February, 1824; Edward P., born February 26, 1829; and Elizabeth S., born March 19, 1842.

Wealtha M. married November 25, 1835, the Rev. Lemuel Porter, of Boston, and died July 1, 1880. She had two children, one of whom, a daughter, Helen, is living in San Francisco. Mr. Porter was for many years pastor of the Worthen Street Baptist Church in Lowell, Mass.; and at one time he preached in Pittsfield, Mass. Laura M. became the wife of the Rev. Elijah Hutchinson, a Baptist clergyman of Newport, N.H., and died March 1, 1869. Two of her four children survive, namely: Henry E., President of a Brooklyn bank, N.Y.; and John S., book-keeper for a large firm in Brooklyn. Their father, the Rev. Elijah Hutchinson, preached in the Windsor Baptist Church twenty-seven years, and officiated at six hundred weddings and at eight hundred funerals. He died August 5, 1872, aged fifty-five years. Parker G. Skinner was for several years connected with the stage business in Windsor, Vt., and is now a tea merchant in the city of Worcester, Mass. He married June 29, 1848, Patty W. Foster, of Knowlton, P.Q., and has had four children, two of whom are living. William H., who is

living in Windsor, was in the express business, and a United States mail agent for nearly forty years. He married Emeline Appleton, of Lowell, Mass.; and of his four children the only survivor is a daughter, who is the wife of Frank Peabody, and resides in Fitchburg, Mass. Harriet N. married May 5, 1847, Jehiel H. Simonds, who was for more than forty years proprietor of a hotel in Windsor, Vt., and was also connected with the stage lines. She died March 21, 1885. Elizabeth S. married February 12, 1863, Thomas E. Foster, a prominent insurance man of Montreal, Canada, and at one time Mayor of that city. She has had eight children, three of whom are living, namely: Marion E., who married the Rev. W. C. Carr, of Weedsport, N.Y.; Thomas E., now residing in Claremont, N.H.; and Sallie B., who is a trained nurse in a woman's hospital in San Francisco, Cal.

Edward Payson Skinner, father of the subject of this sketch, after completing his education in Lowell, Mass., turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He has cultivated farms in Windsor, Vt., and in Plainfield, N.H., where he is now residing. He is a practical and energetic farmer, who has acquired a comfortable competency, and whose disposition to be honorable and upright in his dealings has gained for him the esteem and confidence of his fellow-townsmen. He is a member of the Baptist church. His wife, Rebecca M. Moody, of Lancaster, N.H., born August 14, 1825, became the mother of four children, namely: Edward P., the subject of this sketch; William H., born March 6, 1866; Hattie, who died at the age of two years; and Johnnie, who died in his eighth year. William H. is employed by his brother, Edward P., and is also a United States mail carrier. He married Julia Ward, of Plainfield, N.H.

Edward Payson Skinner, Jr., was educated in the schools of his native town; and for a number of years after completing his studies he remained upon the home farm, engaged in its cultivation. About 1893 he engaged in his present mercantile business. Besides carrying a good stock of groceries, he runs the only fish market in Windsor.

Mr. Skinner married Ella Hill, who was born in Bellows Falls, Vt., January 11, 1861. They have had one son, Curtis R., born in August, 1881, who died in 1887. Mr. Skinner has inaugurated his business career upon progressive lines; and, as he has secured the confidence of the public, his success is already assured.

MRS. MARY ELIZABETH COOKE PARTRIDGE, a well-known musician of Claremont and a zealous worker in the cause of temperance, was born in Claremont, daughter of Godfrey and Abigail (Hubbard) Cooke. Her paternal grandfather, Captain John Cooke, of Norton, Mass., was among the first of the minute-men to report at Lexington in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775, for six days' service. He again enlisted with the rank of Ensign, and was mustered out August 1, 1775. For the third time he enlisted December 8, 1776, in a Rhode Island regiment, under Colonel John Daggett. About the year 1779 he came to Claremont, and bought a large and valuable tract of meadow land and the tavern thereon. This tavern he conducted for years with much success. A family tradition has it that "a bushel of Continental money changed hands when the old tavern was bought." His daughter, Matilda, married Colonel Josiah Stevens, who was the father of Paran Stevens, a famous hotel man. Paran Stevens received his first lessons in the hotel

business from Godfrey Cooke. The Stevens High School was his gift to the village of Claremont. His daughter married Arthur Henry Fitzroy Paget, a son of General Paget of Waterloo fame. His sister married Samuel Fiske, the donor of the Fiske Free Library in Claremont.

Godfrey Cooke and his brother George succeeded their father in the proprietorship of the tavern, which under their able management became famous from Boston to Northern Vermont. Not long after the death of his father Godfrey Cooke bought the interest of his brother George. Under him the surroundings were much beautified. He built a large and elegant family residence in 1825; and he improved the farm of four hundred acres connected with the tavern, so that it was considered the finest in the town. He married Abigail, daughter of Jonathan Hubbard, of Charlestown, N.H., and became the father of five children — Catherine M., Henry Hubbard, Helen Maria, George F., and Mary Elizabeth. Catherine married Charles R. Bingham, and had four children, of whom Helen C. and Catherine E. attained maturity. Henry Hubbard, who graduated from Dartmouth College, died at the Theological Seminary in New York, where he was preparing for the Episcopal ministry, one year before his ordination. In the habit of visiting the sick and dying, to minister to their spiritual needs, he caught the contagion of small-pox, which was the cause of his death. His heart and soul were in his work, and he was greatly mourned by his class-mates and friends. Helen Maria, now deceased, who married Frederick Smith, of Cornish, N.H., is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth A. Smith. George F. Cooke was killed by accident on the homestead at the age of twenty-six.

Mary Elizabeth Cooke, the youngest of her parents' children, had the best educational advantages. On completing the course of the Kimball Union Academy, she was sent to Boston, where she was thoroughly trained in piano playing. Then she returned to Claremont, engaged in piano teaching, and soon drew about her a class of forty eager students. She afterward followed this occupation with success for thirty years. She married Edward A. Partridge, son of Milton Partridge, the representative of a well-known family of Norwich, Vt., and from which the military school of that place takes its name. Milton Partridge, who was well versed in military subjects, became a fencing teacher at West Point. From there he removed to Tarrytown, N.Y., and was afterward successfully engaged in executing large engineering contracts. He was killed by accident. His son William is now a prominent civil engineer of Normal, Ill. Edward A. Partridge graduated from Dartmouth College, and studied civil engineering under General Ransom at Norwich. He was subsequently appointed city engineer of Dubuque, Ia., and died in the following year. Mary Elizabeth, his only child, has studied the pianoforte with her mother, the organ under Professor Whiting, of Boston, and the guitar with Hayden. She has taken her mother's piano classes, and also conducts large classes in the study of the organ and guitar. Both mother and daughter are universal favorites in the society of Claremont. They returned to Claremont immediately after the death of Mr. Partridge.

Mrs. Partridge has been especially active in the temperance cause. She is a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was county President from 1891 to 1896, and for twenty years was closely identified with this society. She was for ten years, under appointment of the Union, the superintend-

ent of the jails and almshouses of New Hampshire. This position entailed much travelling, which was gladly accomplished without remuneration. Mrs. Partridge was instrumental in establishing police matrons for the care of arrested females in the police stations of Nashua and Manchester; and she worked hard and incessantly for the improvement of almshouses, securing better accommodations, with especial wards for the insane, and removing children to good homes. When she resigned in the fall of 1896, owing to impaired health, her successor found that Mrs. Partridge's methodical work had left to her an easy road. Her daughter, who is also deeply interested in this philanthropic work, attended the National Convention of the W. C. T. U. in October, 1896, as State delegate, and is now State Reporter for the *Union Signal* of Chicago. Both Mrs. and Miss Partridge are prominent workers in the Episcopal Church of Claremont.

CHARLES F. M. STARK, a well-known resident of Dunbarton, Merrimack County, was born in this town, February 18, 1848, son of John and Caroline J. (Morris) Stark. He is a great-great-grandson of General John Stark, the famous victor of Bennington. John Stark, the father, was a lawyer, who practised his profession in Galena, Ill., and in New York City. He died in Washington, D.C., at the age of forty-two years. His wife, Caroline, was the youngest daughter of Thomas Morris, and a grand-daughter of Robert Morris, signer of the Declaration of Independence and first Secretary of State of the United States.

Charles F. M. Stark was a student at St. Paul's School in Concord. After leaving school, he resided for a number of years in New York City, and for a time was interested in insurance in New York and Boston. He finally returned to the family homestead in Dunbarton, where he has since resided, it having become his property through inheritance. The house was built by his great-grandfather, Major Caleb Stark, a son of General John Stark, and who did good service to his county in the Revolutionary War. It was built after the model of an English manor house, and is a quaint and interesting piece of architecture. Every room it contains is replete with historic memories. Heirlooms and relics both of the Stark and Morris families abound on every hand. In the north-west corner room, on the second floor, is the four-posted mahogany bed, with canopy top, in which Lafayette slept while on a visit here. About half a mile away from the house is the old cemetery, where rest the remains of Major Caleb Stark, and in which others of renown are buried.

Mr. Stark married Miss Annie McNeil, daughter of John and Cynthia McNeil, at that time of Winchester, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Stark have one child — John McNeil, who is now a student at a boarding-school at Belmont, Mass. Mr. Stark is an enthusiastic sportsman.

DUDLEY TAPPAN CHASE, a well-known farmer of Claremont, born April 2, 1823, in Cornish, N.H., son of Colonel Lebbeus and Nizaula (March) Chase, comes of an ancient family. The Chase coat of arms is described as follows: "Arms Gules, four crosses patonce, argent two and two; on a canton azure a lion passant, Or, crest — a lion rampant, Or, holding between his feet a cross patonce — Gules." The motto is "Ne Cede Malis" (Yield not to misfortunes). The family is traced back to Thomas Chase[1], of Hundrich, in the par-

ish of Chesham, England. His son, Richard Chase[2], who was baptized August 3, 1542, and married Joan Bishop, April 16, 1564, lived and died in Chesham. Aquila[3], son of Richard, born in Chesham, was baptized August 14, 1580. His son, Aquila[4], by his wife, Sarah, born in Chesham in 1618, came to America in 1639, and was one of the grantees and settlers of Hampton (Plymouth), Mass. This Aquila, who was a sea captain, removed to Newbury, Mass., in 1646, married Anne Wheeler, of Hampton, daughter of John Wheeler, and died December 27, 1670. His youngest son, Moses Chase[5], born in Newbury, December 24, 1663, married Ann Follansbee, November 10, 1684. Daniel Chase[6], the eldest son of Moses and the twin brother of Moses, Jr., who died young, was born September 20, 1685, in Newbury, and married Sarah March, of Newbury, January 2, 1706. He removed to Littleton, and thence to Sutton, Mass., before March 26, 1733, and died in the latter place, April 17, 1768. Samuel Chase[7], eldest son of Daniel, born in Newbury, September 28, 1707, married Mary Dudley, of Sutton, and died in Cornish, N.H., August 12, 1800. He removed from Sutton to Cornish shortly after the settlement of the town in 1765 by his sons, Dudley and Jonathan, and others from Sutton.

Samuel's third son, Jonathan[8], was born in Sutton, December 6, 1732, removed to Cornish in 1765, married Sarah Hall, daughter of the Rev. Dr. David Hall, of Sutton, October 22, 1770, and died January 14, 1800, in Cornish. Jonathan's son, Lebbeus[9], born January 21, 1779, in Cornish, married Nizaula March, January 8, 1815, and died in Cornish, February 22, 1865.

The birthplace of Dudley Tappan Chase[10], was the old homestead, where his grandfather, General Jonathan Chase, settled in 1765, and which was the first two-story house erected in town. The house is still standing, but much the worse for wear. He lived and labored on his father's farm, and attended the common schools until he was seventeen years of age. Then he fitted for college at Kimball Union Academy, teaching school in the next and several succeeding winters. After graduating at the academy in 1844, he entered Dartmouth College in the fall of that year, and was a student there for two years, continuing to teach school in the winter. In 1857 he received the degrees of A.B. and A.M. from Dartmouth College, in the class of 1848. In the fall of 1846 he commenced the study of the law at Windsor, Vt. In 1847 he attended the law school of Harvard University for a short time, and the law school of Yale University for a few months. He was admitted to the bars of Sullivan County, New Hampshire, and Windsor County, Vermont, in 1849, and commenced practice in April of that year at Windsor. Afterward he was admitted to the United States District and Circuit Courts in Vermont. He practised in Windsor County and Sullivan County until April, 1863, when on account of failing health he retired from the bar, and removed to Claremont. Here he bought a small farm, and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. Active exercise in the open air restored his health; and he is still living on his farm, at the age of seventy-four years, but mainly retired from labor.

On November 12, 1851, Mr. Chase married Mrs. Adelaide G. Merrifield, daughter of Edward R. Campbell, Esq., of Windsor. Two children came of the union, namely: Edward Campbell Chase[11], born July 2, 1853, who died August 12, 1854; and Francis Dudley Chase[11], born February 27, 1856, who died January 10, 1857. The mother died Septem-

ber 8, 1856, aged thirty-four years. On February 4, 1858, Mr. Chase married Mrs. Sula Powers Smith, who was born October 5, 1826, daughter of Captain Obed and Cynthia (Comings) Powers, of Cornish. The only child of this marriage was Lucy Adelaide Chase[11], born February 4, 1859, who died February 8, 1859. Mrs. Chase, now in her seventy-first year, enjoys good health.

Mr. Chase was mainly instrumental in having a subordinate grange of the Patrons of Husbandry organized in Claremont in 1873, November 18. He was elected the first Master, and had served in that capacity for several years, when he refused to do so any longer. He was also elected the first Master of the New Hampshire State Grange, which was organized December 23, 1873, and served by successive elections for six years. He was a member, together with his wife, of the National Grange, attended seven sessions of that body, and was for three years a member of its Executive Committee. He compiled the rules for the regulation of the co-operative associations of the grange, and had charge of the publication of the first Digest of the grange, in which, it is claimed, a single error has not been found. He was also chairman of the committee appointed to investigate the financial condition of the grange, in which capacity, after a full examination of the accounts, he made a report that brought order out of chaos and put the finances of the grange on a sure basis. He was Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws for several years, then considered the most important committee of the order. In the *Husbandman*, December 18, 1878, was the following from a correspondent relative to the session of the National Grange held at Richmond, Va., in the preceding November: "I should be glad to name with approval a few members who have given conspicuous service to the meeting if I might attempt the task without seeming to make invidious distinction. In such a list I should inscribe the name Dudley T. Chase, of New Hampshire, whose clear perception has more than once saved the grange from indiscreet acts."

Mr. Chase is the last survivor of a family of ten children of his father, Colonel Lebbeus Chase, and the only representative of the family save a niece, Miss Allace C. Chase, now of Smith College, of whom he has been the guardian. He has taken an active part in the town meetings. He is an Independent in politics and religion, has strong convictions on most subjects, and is not afraid to express them on all suitable occasions. He has been a Mason of Hiram Lodge of Claremont since 1870, serving as Master for two years. His father was raised to the degree of Master Mason in this lodge in 1800. His grandfather was also a prominent Mason, as is shown by the inscription on his tombstone in the Cornish cemetery.

HORACE PERKINS EATON, for many years a resident of Franklin, Merrimack County, and a highly esteemed and influential citizen, was a native of Weare, N.H. He was born August 30, 1811, and was the eldest son of Wheeler and Abigail (Perkins) Eaton. His father, also a native of Weare, was a shoemaker and tanner by trade. He lived for a while in Seabrook, from which place he removed to Franklin, N.H., where he settled in the northern part of the town and engaged in general farming. He spent the rest of his life on this farm; but in his latter years he sold out to his son-in-law, Dana W. Call, with whom he thenceforward made his home. He died September 1, 1871,

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at the advanced age of eighty-six. He was twice married. His first wife, who was before marriage Abigail Perkins, bore five children, all of whom are now dead. Their names were: Horace Perkins, Cyrus, Gorham, Emily W., and William. Mrs. Abigail P. Eaton died in 1838; and Mr. Wheeler Eaton married for his second wife Mrs. Nancy Burleigh Sleeper, of Sanbornton, N.H., by whom he had one daughter, Emily, who married Dana W. Call, and is now deceased.

Horace Perkins Eaton received his education in the best schools of Weare, and, after he had finished his studies, turned his attention to farming. He was an energetic man and a progressive farmer. In politics he was a Republican, and he was the Representative for the town of Franklin for several years. He also served as Selectman a number of times. He was always an earnest member of the Franklin Christian Church, and took great interest in all church work. He died August 26, 1886. He was married at the age of twenty-six to Ismenie S. Merrill, a native of Franklin, and the youngest daughter of Ezekiel and Jane (Bradbury) Merrill. From Franklin Mr. Merrill removed to Plymouth, N.H. There he lived in his later years a retired life, although previously engaged in the business of wheelwright. He died at the age of ninety-six. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Jane Bradbury, of Gilmanton, had seven children, of whom two, Joseph W. and Mrs. Eaton, are now living. His second wife, Mary Pevies, was born in Andover. The daughter Ismenie, born December 23, 1816, was but eleven months old when her mother died; and she was taken to live with a family by the name of Simonds, who brought her up as their own child. She was twenty years old at the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton had four children, namely: Frank W., who married Frances Young, and is now living in Hill, N.H.; Abigail, who died March 29, 1883, the wife of John P. Sanborn, the latter now living with his son in Tilton, N.H.; and twin daughters, born October 3, 1849. Nancy J., one of the twins, became the wife of E. W. Lane, and is living in Sanbornton, N.H.; and the other, Lilla M., lives with her mother on Main Street, Franklin village, whither they removed a year after the death of Mr. Eaton. Mrs. Eaton is a member of the Christian church and an efficient helper in all church work.

PHILEMON C. HARDY, a prominent citizen of Cornish Flat, Sullivan County, N.H., well known as the proprietor of the Hardy Remedies, was born in the town of Cornish, March 5, 1840. He is a son of the late Samuel Hardy. His great-grandfather served as a soldier throughout the Revolutionary War, and Mr. Hardy is now in possession of the gun barrel used by that patriotic ancestor in the battle of Bunker Hill. After his death his widow removed to Grantham, N.H., taking with her their ten children, six boys and four girls. She was the first of the name in this section of the State.

Her son Tristram, grandfather of Philemon C., was born in Bradford, Mass., March 29, 1771, but resided in New Hampshire the greater part of his life. He was a farmer, and carried on the trade of chair-maker in Grantham, now called East Plainfield. He married March 18, 1795, Kesia Frazier, who was born March 16, 1779, and died January 10, 1817. Their ten children were: Polly, William, Susanna, Moses, Samuel, Sally, James M., Kesia, Hannah, and Mehitable. Tristram Hardy's second wife was the widow

Polly Rogers, to whom he was married March 12, 1818. There were no children by this marriage. Polly Hardy, born February 24, 1796, married Hosea Churchill on October 8, 1820. She died December 5, 1865, having had no children. William, born October 24, 1797, died December 11, 1878. His first wife was Mary Ball, whom he married on January 17, 1822; and his second was Prudence Carroll, with whom he was united on October 30, 1831. Susanna Hardy, born October 26, 1799, died March 20, 1823, the wife of Independence Gile, a hotel man, named from having been born on the Fourth of July. Moses Hardy, born June 11, 1802, died August 6, 1806. Sally, born January 25, 1807, married Joshua Atwood, March 20, 1826, and died April 25, 1868. She had two children: Susan J., born April 8, 1827; and John, born December 29, 1830. James M. Hardy, born January 11, 1809, died August 28, 1810. Kesia Hardy, born May 11, 1811, was married on March 20, 1836, to John F. Carroll, a cooper and farmer. Her husband died May 5, 1879; and she died April 29, 1886. Some of their children survive. Hannah Hardy, born March 10, 1813, died May 19, 1813. Mehitable, born November 7, 1814, died September 10, 1827.

Samuel Hardy, third son of Tristram, and father of the subject of this sketch, was born October 1, 1804, in Grantham, and was educated in the public schools of that town. He learned the trade of chair-maker from his father, and at the age of twenty-one went to Cayuga County, New York, where he worked at his trade for some years before returning to New Hampshire to be married. When he went back to New York State he was accompanied by his wife. He stayed there ten years in all, and then came to Cornish, where he had extensive farming interests; and in addition to his other labors he began the manufacture of the Hardy Remedies, since so widely known and used. This was in 1836; and Mr. Samuel Hardy continued the business until 1869, when Mr. Philemon C. Hardy and his brother bought it out. Few changes have been made in the original receipts, but the bitters are not now made. The medicines that now bear the Hardy name are: Hardy's Salve, Woman's Friend, Hardy Pain Destroyer, and Anodyne Liniment. During the late Rebellion the soldier boys of New Hampshire found a quantity of Hardy's Salve at Winchester, Va.; and some of them wrote home to their friends that they were going to have him prosecuted for abetting the Confederates in giving or supplying them with medicine which was able to heal or to save the lives of enemies. An old sea captain has told the Doctor that rolls of the salve could be found in every port of South America. It is said to be to-day the oldest salve upon the market and the best known. Samuel Hardy did a very large business; and, besides his extensive advertising through the press of the country and by distributing circulars, he sent out a great many gorgeous carts drawn by fine handsome horses, which were the envy of small boys. He never aspired for political honors, but was always a Republican of the stanchest kind and ever ready to use his influence for the benefit of his party. He was a member of the Baptist Church of Cornish, was exceedingly benevolent and broad-minded, and a friend to every needy or destitute person that chance threw in his way. He was most liberal in his contributions to the church and to every worthy object or cause. His death took place August 7, 1879; and in him the town lost a valuable citizen, and the cause of humanity a noble worker.

Samuel Hardy was three times married:

first to Sally, daughter of Follansbee Carroll, of Croydon, N.H. She was born August 23, 1807, and died April 8, 1838. Her five children were: Follansbee C., Mary Ann G., Edmund, Mehitable, and Tristram. By his union with his second wife, Prudentia Coburn, who was born February 6, 1813, in Vermont, and died December 16, 1847, there were four children, all born in Cornish; namely, Philemon C., Sally, Hannah S., and Charles T. The third wife was Phebe A. Pratt, who had one child, William Wallace. Follansbee C. Hardy, born December 20, 1829, is a travelling merchant, and lives in Worcester, Mass. Formerly he had one of the most famous medicine carts ever put on the road. Except the wheels it was all constructed of glass. He married Delia Pierce, of West Boylston, Mass., on June 17, 1856, and had a family of three children, one of whom is living. Mary Ann G., born September 22, 1831, married Benjamin F. Bryant, of Hartland, Vt., now residing at Hudson, Mass., and has a family of four children. Edmund Hardy, born December 11, 1833, married Lucinda Bailey, December 5, 1855. He died in the army, May 30, 1863. Mehitable, born January 10, 1836, was first married May 4, 1858, to George W. Moore, of Hudson, Mass.; and second, February 12, 1865, to Henry S. Moore, the Postmaster of Hudson. There are no children by either marriage. Tristram Hardy, born March 9, 1838, died September 22, 1839. Sally Hardy, eldest daughter of Samuel Hardy by his second marriage, born November 19, 1841, married Lewis F. Knight, of Cornish, November 30, 1863, and is the mother of five children, four of whom are now living. Hannah S. Hardy, born August 9, 1843, married Albert J. Dyer, of Sutton, Quebec, December 24, 1871. Charles T., born June 1, 1846, married November 15, 1866, Ellen M. Ripley, and until his death, which occurred twelve years ago, May 12, 1885, was associated in business with his brother Philemon. William Wallace Hardy, the only child of the third marriage, born February 6, 1849, is now living at New Haven, Conn. He is in the wholesale cigar business in New York City, is exceedingly energetic and talented, and has accumulated a large fortune. He married December 25, 1875, Sarah J. Tucker, of Redding, Conn., and has one child, a son, Samuel B. Hardy.

Mr. Philemon C. Hardy was educated in the schools of Cornish and in Kimball Union Academy. He worked on his father's farm until twenty-one years of age, when he began to travel in the interests of the Hardy Remedies. He has continued in the business until the present time, increasing and extending it and managing it most successfully. He is a Deacon of the Baptist church, and, like his father, is charitable and benevolent. Mr. Hardy was married on October 17, 1867, to Linnie J. Dyer, daughter of Daniel Dyer, of Sutton, Quebec. She was born October 17, 1848, and died March 30, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy had one daughter, Nora A., born August 4, 1879, who died July 5, 1880.

JOHN F. LEIGHTON, a prosperous dairyman of Franklin, was born where he now resides, May 27, 1832, son of Edward and Judith (Rand) Leighton. His father, who was a native of Portsmouth, N.H., came to Franklin in 1816, settled upon the farm now owned by his son, and tilled the soil successfully during the rest of his active period, attaining the age of ninety-two years. He first married February 20, 1806, Lydia Rand, whose only child, Moses, is deceased. For his second wife, on April 24, 1813, he

married Judith Rand, a cousin of his first wife and a native of Somersworth. Of this union there were born eight children, namely: Lydia, July 8, 1814; Thomas, March 11, 1817; John S., June 13, 1819, who died in childhood; Mary, November 8, 1821; Edward, August 11, 1825; Judith, August 8, 1827; John F., the subject of his sketch; and Loren S., January 2, 1838. Lydia is the widow of Samuel Brown, late of Northfield, N.H. Thomas and Edward are no longer living. Mary is the widow of James Gardner, and now lives in Concord, N.H. Judith is the wife of Benjamin Sargent, formerly of Tilton, and now a merchant in Chicago, Ill. Loren S. married Tirza French, October 16, 1859, and is residing in Alma, Minn. Mrs. Edward Leighton died at the age of eighty-two.

John F. Leighton was educated in the common schools of Franklin and Tilton. He has always resided upon the home farm, and has managed it since reaching his majority. His property consists of two hundred acres of desirably located land, and he has made various improvements in the buildings. He carries on a large and profitable milk business, keeping about thirty cows on the average.

On August 27, 1857, Mr. Leighton married for his first wife Mary A. Hanaford. She was born in Northfield, September 19, 1839, daughter of John A. and Mary A. (Park) Hanaford, the former of whom, now deceased, was a native of that town and a prosperous farmer; while the latter, born in Lowell, Mass., now resides with Mr. Leighton. Mrs. Mary A. Leighton died June 5, 1886. On February 9, 1888, Mr. Leighton married Emma L. Colby, who was born in Canterbury, N.H., December 29, 1852, daughter of Leonard and Mary Ann (Page) Colby. Her father was a native of Bow, N.H.; and her mother was born in St. Johnsbury, Vt. They were industrious farming people, and resided in Canterbury many years. The father is no longer living. The mother is residing with her son, Osborn L., a farmer of Canterbury. By his first union Mr. Leighton had three children, namely: Maria F., born June 13, 1858, who died July 30, 1881; Nellie A., born September 9, 1860; and George E., born October 15, 1864. George is now in business in Providence, R.I. Nellie A. married Benjamin Kimball, and died July 20, 1893, leaving four children — Mary E., Rena E., Bertha L., and Harry M. The children by Mr. Leighton's second marriage are: Leonard C., born June 13, 1889; and Mary E., born March 12, 1895.

Mr. Leighton holds a warm place in the hearts of his neighbors, who are familiar with his liberality and kindness of heart. He is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, and both he and Mrs. Leighton are members of the First Baptist Church in Franklin Falls. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN F. JONES, a well-to-do farmer of Claremont, was born here, June 2, 1830, son of Worcester and Sarah (Dove) Jones. His great-grandfather, Asa Jones, came here from Colchester, Conn., in the early days of the town, and settled along the river at Claremont Junction, taking up a large tract of land. Asa was a Lieutenant in the army and a man of importance in the town. He married Sarah Treadway, of Colchester, and had a son, also named Asa. Asa Jones, Jr., born July 18, 1752, died June 4, 1828. On January 20, 1783, he married Mary Pardee, who, born July 7, 1759, died May 17, 1835. They left the following children: Worcester, born November 8, 1783, who married Sarah Dove, and died December 2, 1858; Zabina, born June 30, 1785, who married

Elvira Alden, and died June 7, 1828; Asa, born February 22, 1787, who married Sarah Jones, and died August 7, 1862; Mary, born October 18, 1788, who married Henry Simons, and died August 25, 1825; Augustus, born June 6, 1793, who married Amanda Sheldon, and died August 7, 1862; Fanny Beecher, born April 28, 1795, who married Henry Ainsworth, and died in 1893; Sally R., born July 13, 1797, who married German Hendy, and died April 18, 1878; Nancy Malinda, born September 17, 1799, who married John Simon, and died March 28, 1840; Philanda, born August 13, 1801, who married Elizabeth Day, and died February 22, 1871; and Elizabeth M., born March 9, 1804.

Worcester Jones, the father of John F., settled on the farm of his grandfather in Worcester, then containing about one hundred and fifty acres. He became a large farmer, and added considerably to the estate. Besides keeping all kinds of cattle, he produced butter, pork, and cheese, which he sold at market. He was also interested in the Claremont National Bank, of which he was a Director. In politics he was a Whig, and he attended religious service at the Union Church. Public-spirited to a high degree and a supporter of every good cause, he was a leader among his townspeople. He died December 20, 1858. His children were: Sarah, who married Laban Ainsworth, and is deceased; Mary Ann, who died at the age of seventy-eight years; Frederick, who married Lucy Dean, daughter of Horace Dean, and died at the age of sixty-two years; Fannie, who died at the age of twenty years; Maria, who died at the age of fifteen; Hellen, who died when a child of five years; and John F., who is the only survivor.

John F. Jones obtained his education in the district schools and at the academy in Claremont. He assisted his father with the farm until 1855, when he and his brother Frederick were given complete charge. They carried on the farm until 1862, when Frederick married. John then assisted his brother until the fall of 1869, when he bought the Horace Dean farm, a place of three hundred acres, where he has since been farming on a large scale, thereby earning a comfortable income. He married Helen Dean, daughter of Horace Dean. Her grandfather was Lemuel, a Revolutionary soldier, who settled early in Claremont. He married Lucy Perry, and had three children, namely: Maria, who died in infancy; Maria (second), born in 1800, who married James Ballock, and died in 1885; and Horace, who married Emaline Pressy, and had eleven children. For several years Horace Dean carried on the hotel and Cupola Farm, and afterward bought the farm now owned by his son-in-law, Mr. Jones. The Cupola Farm was considered, perhaps, the best farm in the State. It contained five hundred acres of well-tilled land. He raised fine stock for the Boston markets, dealt in horses, and kept a dairy. He was a member of the Union Church, was influential in town affairs, and he acceptably served the town for a time in the capacity of Selectman. A poor boy at the outset, he became one of the wealthiest farmers of the district. He died in 1884. His other children were: Lucy, who married Frederick Jones, and died in September, 1894, having had no children; John, who married Hannah Harlow, became a superintendent of railroad construction in Kansas, and served through the war, had no children; Lemuel, who died in September, 1849, aged ten years; Alice, who married James Thompson, and had one child, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, who married Charles Fisher; Thomas, who became a hardware merchant of Memphis, Tenn., served on government farms during the war, and died in 1867;

Samuel, who married Kate Cotton, daughter of Charles Cotton, and is a farmer in Dakota; Charles, living in Texas, who successively married Ophelia Roberts, of St. Louis, and Carrie Johnson, of Springfield, Vt., and has a daughter Edna by the first wife, and a son, Thad P. George, by the second; and Kate, who is unmarried. Thad P. George, son of Charles Dean, resides in California, engaged in mining, lumbering, and hotel-keeping. The elder Mrs. Dean died in April, 1897, at the age of ninety years. Mr. Jones and his wife are members of the Union church. He has represented his town in the legislature, serving during his term of office on the Insurance Committee. He is a public-spirited man and universally liked.

GEORGE A. SUMNER, a popular storekeeper and real estate owner of Hill, was born on the place where he now resides, June 27, 1839, son of George W. and Hannah (Abrams) Sumner. [For the full genealogy of the Sumner family the reader is referred to the account of Governor Increase Sumner, to be found in the General Register.] George Sumner is a direct descendant of Edward Sumner, a Revolutionary patriot, who for a long time would not allow tea to be served on his table, and who was one of the Boston Tea Party. Edward's son, Nathaniel, by his wife Hannah Bullock Sumner, was also a prominent patriot, and a man of large property and much influence. Nathaniel had a numerous family of children, and gave each of his sons a farm. George, the next in line, married Margaret Lewis. One of his children, who was grandfather of the subject of this sketch, settled in New Boston, N.H. Grandfather Sumner married Lydia Winchester. He bought a farm in Deering, N.H. He was noted in the district for his indomitable courage.

George W. Sumner, at the age of nineteen, after having helped his father in clearing the Deering property, left his home and applied himself to learning the clothing business. He came to Hill and engaged in wool carding and cloth dressing, constructing a dam and erecting a mill for these purposes. In 1825 he built a fine brick house, which is still one of the most prominent structures in the town. He married Hannah Abrams in 1822; and his children were: Mary, Ellen, Catherine, Jane, George A., and Sarah. Of these George is the only survivor.

George A. Sumner was sent to the public schools of Hill and later to Franklin Academy. At the age of nineteen he bought a grist-mill. After running that for a time, he exchanged it for a general merchandise store. A few years later he bought out Mr. Stackpole, whose business was located in the railroad station, and joined the two stores. About the year 1890 he took in a partner. The business is now conducted under the firm name of Sumner & Foss. Recently, becoming interested in real estate, Mr. Sumner has built a number of tenement-houses for the workmen employed in the needle factory. At one time he was the freight, express, and telegraph agent of the Boston & Maine Railroad.

On April 28, 1868, Mr. Sumner married Angie Montague, of Springfield, Mass. His children are: Annie G. and G. Willis Sumner. The last named is a graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio. Mr. Sumner has been an active man in town affairs, and has held several town offices. He has been Justice of the Peace for twenty-five years, Postmaster for four years, and Town Clerk for six years. He has also filled the offices of Selectman and

Town Treasurer. In 1895 he represented the town in the State legislature. A loyal Republican, his first Presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He is a Mason, and takes much interest in the development of the organization. He is a member of the Congregational Church of Hill and a regular attendant on the services.

WILLIAM S. STRAW, a prosperous farmer of Hopkinton and a son of William and Hannah Straw, was born in the house where he now lives, June 1, 1817. He is descended from William and Mehitable Straw of early Colonial times. Their children were born as follows: William, May 22, 1686; John, July 1, 1688; Samuel, August 13, 1692; and Lawrence, May 13, 1699. Lieutenant Jacob Straw, the grandfather of William S., came from Rowley, Mass., to Hopkinton, some time between 1740 and 1755, while still a young man. He secured fifty acres of land, upon which he erected some small buildings, and then sold the whole to such advantage that he was able later to purchase two hundred acres on Sugar Hill, in the town of Weare. Here again he erected buildings, sold out at a profit, and bought three hundred acres in West Hopkinton, near where William S. Straw now lives. This purchase was made in 1782; and he spent the rest of his life upon the property, putting up large and convenient buildings and making many other improvements. A prosperous farmer, he was able to give each of his sons a farm, besides affording his sons-in-law substantial assistance. His death resulted from a cancer in his seventy-eighth year. He married Betsey (or Lydia) Ordway, of Rumford, later of Concord. They had twelve children, the youngest of whom died aged sixty-six, and the eldest at the age of eighty-nine. Their names were: Samuel, Ezekiel, Jacob, Levi, Joseph, William, Lydia, Dorothy, Sarah, Betsey, Hannah, and a daughter whose name has not been preserved.

William Straw, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born on the farm in West Hopkinton in 1782. When a young man he learned the saddler's trade, and he subsequently worked at it for a short time in his native town. Then he went to Warner, and from there to Canaan, where his father had given him a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. After clearing a part of the farm, he sold it and returned to Hopkinton to buy a part of the old farm. Soon after, he married Hannah Huse, a daughter of Thomas Huse, who owned an adjoining farm. Mr. Huse dying soon after, William and his wife moved into the new house, which was but just completed; and by buying out the other heirs Mr. Straw became the possessor of one hundred and five acres of the original Huse farm, probably about the year 1812. His wife, Hannah, died while still a young woman, leaving her husband with four children, all of whom lived to be over sixty-five years of age. Their names were: Sarah, who married Leonard Felch, of Weare; Anne, who married William Chandler, a blacksmith of Henniker; Harriet, who married Otis Lewis, of Lynn, Mass.; and William, the subject of this sketch. William Straw afterward successively married Lucretia Page and Joannah Goodhue, of Bow, N.H. Lucretia had two children — Jesse Osgood and Page Huse. The third wife survived him four years. She had one daughter, who married Jacob S. Chase, and died in Warner in 1893.

William S. Straw received his early training on the farm where he was born and where he has spent the greater part of his life.

After he had reached the age of twenty, he worked for a while in a factory at Methuen, Mass. He owned another farm before he went to live on the old Huse farm where he now lives. A capable farmer, he is always ready to make improvements. In politics he has been a stanch Democrat. He is a Universalist in religious belief and an earnest member of the church in Henniker. He has been a subscriber for the *New England Farmer* and for the *Christian Leader* for forty-six years. He married Mary Ann Flanders, a daughter of James and Mary (Peasler) Flanders, who has had five children. These were: Hannah Marion, who married E. Harvey Edmonds, of Hopkinton village, and died in 1893; Luella, who married George H. Pierce, and lives on a farm near her parents; Abbie Frances, who married George H. Dodge, of Henniker; James Otis, whose life is sketched elsewhere in this volume; and Charles H., now an artist living at home.

CHARLES GILMAN SANDERS, an enterprising lumber manufacturer of Chichester, was born in this town, April 30, 1824, son of Elijah and Olive (Philbrick) Sanders. His grandfather, Robert Sanders, followed the sea from the age of seventeen until he was sixty years old. Robert was engaged in both the foreign and coast trade; and during the War of 1812 he served upon a privateering vessel, which was fitted out at Portsmouth, N.H., by Captain Chase. His last days were passed in Epsom, N.H.; and he died at the age of sixty-four years. He voted with the Whig party in politics, and in his religious views was a Congregationalist. He married a Miss Foss, who lived to be seventy-eight years old; and she reared six sons and two daughters.

Elijah Sanders, born in Epsom in 1799, learned both tanning and shoemaking, and afterward followed those trades in Chichester for fifty years. He was an energetic and industrious man. His wife, Olive, was a daughter of Perkins Philbrick, a native of Rye, N.H., who moved from that town to Epsom, where he passed the rest of his life. She became the mother of two sons: Charles G., the subject of this sketch; and George S., who is no longer living. George S. Sanders married for his first wife Elizabeth Baxter, of Bridgewater, Mass. By that union there is one son, Charles H. For his second wife he wedded Hattie Atwater, a native of Maine, and left two children by this union — Calvin E. and Clara Olive. His second wife survives, and is living with her children in Worcester, Mass. Elijah Sanders lived to be eighty-six years old, and his wife died at seventy-two. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Charles Gilman Sanders acquired a common-school education in his native town. When his studies were finished, he learned the shoemaker's trade with his father. He followed that calling for fifteen years; and then, in company with his father, he built a saw-mill for the manufacture of shingles, clapboards, etc. This mill was destroyed by fire, and in 1878 he erected another upon the same site. At the present time he is operating two saw-mills, one for the manufacture of shingles and clapboards, and the other for the sawing of heavy lumber. He also cultivates a farm of sixty-five acres. Both his manufacturing and agricultural enterprises are in a flourishing condition.

On December 3, 1846, Mr. Sanders married Abigail M. Ayer, daughter of Daniel Ayer, of Chichester. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have had five children, of whom four are living;

namely, Frank L., Warren A., Nettie A., and Loren D. Frank L. married Emma Booth, who died leaving one son, Harry. Warren married Mary Ida Edmunds, of this town, and has four children — Bert, Minnie, Edward, and Rena. Nettie A. is the wife of Fred Lear, of Epsom, and has no children. Loren D. married Martha Tomlinson, a native of Vermont, and has one child, Harley Gilman. In politics Mr. Sanders is a Republican. He takes a lively interest in the progress of his town, and is a member of Chichester Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

REV. ISAAC G. HUBBARD, at one time the rector of Trinity Church, Claremont, was born here, April 13, 1818, son of Isaac and Ruth (Cobb) Hubbard. His grandfather, George Hubbard, who was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, came to Claremont in 1778 from Tolland, Conn. Judge J. H. Hubbard, of Windsor, a son of George, was one of the ablest lawyers in New England. He was a powerful man, and as a pleader at the bar he had few equals. Isaac Hubbard, another son, who settled in Claremont, became a successful farmer and stock-raiser. He was an influential man, served in different town offices, did much legal work, was Justice of the Peace, was considered a practical lawyer, and was prominent in the Episcopal church. He died in January, 1861, leaving a fine estate of some four hundred acres. By his first wife, a daughter of Ezra Jones, there was one child, a daughter, who married Charles F. Long, and had four children: Caroline, who died young; Charles H.; Isaac G.; and Charlotte B. The three last named are still living. His second wife, in maidenhood Ruth Cobb, daughter of Samuel Cobb, of Springfield, Vt., had four children. Amos, the eldest, now deceased, who was in the nursery business in Detroit, Mich., married Catharine, daughter of Samuel Fiske. She was half-sister of Philip Fiske, the donor of the Fiske Library in Claremont; and her mother was a sister of Paran Stevens, the famous hotel man of that place. The second child of Isaac Hubbard was Sarah M., who married the Rev. Joel Clapp, an Episcopal minister. Charles H. died at the age of twelve.

Isaac G. Hubbard graduated from Trinity College in 1839. He then entered the General Theological Seminary in New York, where he spent two years, and finished the prescribed course with Bishop Carlton Chase. He was ordained Deacon in Trinity Church, Claremont, June 25, 1845, and in 1847 received priest's orders from Bishop Chase. He began preaching in Potsdam, N.Y., and subsequently officiated as assistant to Dr. Muhlenberg for several months at the Church of the Holy Communion, New York City. In March of the year 1852 he accepted charge of St. Michael's at Manchester, where he remained until 1866. This was a missionary field demanding the utmost patience; but it proved work to which Mr. Hubbard was admirably adapted, and under him the parish was enlarged and the membership much increased. He was partly instrumental in the erection of a beautiful stone church and rectory, and other tangible results followed from his efforts. Mr. Hubbard's health was delicate, however, and compelled his early resignation. He returned to his father's farm for a period of much needed rest. In 1867, his health having improved, he accepted the rectorship of Trinity Church at Claremont. He remained here until Easter of the year 1875, when, upon a return of his former malady, he was again obliged to rest from his labors and

travel abroad for a time. Returning to his home in 1876, he temporarily took up work at the Union Church. On Passion Sunday, March 30, 1879, he started as usual for church; but, feeling indisposed, turned homeward, and expired on the way.

Mr. Hubbard was a scholar of pronounced ability, and he accomplished a noble work in the cause of good. For twenty years he was a Trustee of St. Paul's School at Concord, N.H. He married Elizabeth Stimpson, daughter of William Stimpson, and had four children. These were: George Isaac, who died while a student of St. Paul's School; Charlotte Louise, William, and Ruth Elizabeth, who are living.

JAMES YEATON, a well-known farmer of Epsom, Merrimack County, was born in this town, January 11, 1832, son of John and Sarah (Bickford) Yeaton. His ancestors for several generations were prosperous farmers in this State; and his great-grandfather, John Yeaton (first), was a pioneer settler in Epsom. John Yeaton, second, grandfather of James, was a native of this town, and resided here his entire life. A successful farmer, he accumulated considerable property. He was a Democrat in politics and a Congregationalist in his religious views. At his death he was about eighty-one years old. He was three times married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Bickford, died at the age of twenty-five. Of her two sons who attained maturity, John was the elder. The father married for his second wife a Miss Towle, who had three children, none of whom are living. His third marriage, which was made with the widow of William Yeaton, resulted in no children.

John Yeaton, third, was born in Epsom, March 29, 1804. He was reared to farming, which he followed successfully during his active period; and he died at the age of seventy-six years, leaving a good estate. He was one of the prominent men of his day. While not an office-seeker for himself, he took an active part in securing the election of capable officials. In politics he acted with the Free Soil party, but later became a Republican. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. His first wife, Sarah Bickford Yeaton, whom he married December 25, 1828, was a daughter of Samuel Bickford, of Epsom. She died at the age of forty-nine years, leaving five of her six children; namely, James, Sarah E., Daniel, Vianna R., and Betsy A. Daniel Yeaton married Annie B. Rowell, of Chichester, N.H., and has three children — Alfred D., Minot R., and Alice B. Vianna R. is now the widow of Elbridge Batchelder, late of Epsom, and has two children — George E. and Edith G. Betsy A. married for her first husband Thomas B. Robinson, of Epsom, by whom she had two sons — Bert and Elmer. She is now the wife of John Brown, of Northwood, N.H. John Yeaton, third, married for his second wife Mrs. Caroline Cilly, the widow of Samuel Cilly, late of Lowell, Mass., and a sister of his first wife. By this union there were two children: Stella R., who is no longer living; and Fred W.

James Yeaton was educated in the schools of his native town and at Pembroke Academy. After leaving school, he learned the shoemaker's trade in Deerfield, N.H., and followed it for three winters. He then engaged in agriculture. In 1878 he purchased his present farm of sixty acres. On March 3, 1858, he contracted his first marriage with Martha A. Randall, daughter of Francis D. Randall, of Deerfield, N.H. Of her three children Edwin Randall Yeaton is living.

Born June 25, 1860, he married Ella M. Eastman, of this town, and now has one child — Albert James, who was born May 26, 1896. Mrs. Martha Yeaton died at the age of thirty-six. On April 9, 1874, Mr. Yeaton entered his second marriage with Annie R. Crockett, whose mother was a sister of his first wife. She was born in Concord, March 30, 1853, daughter of John K. and Sally Rebecca (Randall) Crockett. The children of this union are: John C., who was born May 19, 1875; Helen E. P., born July 22, 1878; and George Hill, born December 21, 1883.

Mr. Yeaton is a member of the Free Will Baptist church. In politics he is a Democrat. He served as Town Clerk for two years in succession, and has been several times elected a member of the Board of Selectmen. As a public official he was able and efficient. He is much respected by his townsmen.

FRANK A. JORDAN, a veteran of the Civil War, who is carrying on a thriving business as a stone cutter in Plainfield, N.H., was born in this town, April 19, 1840, son of Anthony W. and Mercy (Root) Jordan. It is known that some of his ancestors served in the Revolutionary War. His grandfather was James Jordan, who died May 10, 1860, aged eighty-two years. He was a native of Plainfield and a son of the first member of the family to settle here. James Jordan was a contractor for the construction of roads and bridges, and also carried on a farm. He married Waitte Kenyon, of Plainfield, born in January, 1782, and reared seven sons, namely — Anthony W.; William Riley, first; Raymond K.; Wardner; Lester; Kenyon; and Jarvis — none of whom are living. The majority of them were farmers; and all became heads of families except Kenyon, who died at the age of twenty years.

William Riley Jordan, first, married a Miss Esther Spaulding, of Plainfield; and six of his eight children survive. Wardner, who was overseer of the poor farm for seventeen years, married Lucy Whittaker, of Grantham, N.H.; and of his four children two are living. Lester married Luzina Stone, and had a family of eight children, none of whom are living. Jarvis was Sergeant of Company C, Fifth Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers, during the Civil War. Three of his sons were also soldiers, and two died while in service. He was prominent in public affairs, and served as a Selectman for some time. Raymond K. Jordan was a cooper by trade and a hard-working temperate man. He and his wife, Sophia Waller, had a family of thirteen children, who are all deceased but one son. Two of the boys were in the war of the Rebellion, serving in Company C, Fifth New Hampshire Volunteers. The Jordans and Kenyons were early settlers in Plainfield, coming here from Connecticut.

Anthony Wayne Jordan, father of Frank A., was born in Plainfield, February 1, 1804. He learned the stone-mason's trade, which he followed industriously during his active years, and provided his family with a good living and a practical education. He died March 10, 1870. His wife, Mercy Root, born April 30, 1807, and died February 11, 1878, aged seventy-one, who was a daughter of Allen Root, of Plainfield, became the mother of nine children, namely: Albert; Calista; William Riley, second; Louisa; Francis G.; Frank A., the subject of this sketch; James; Marcia; and Electa. Albert Jordan, born March 21, 1824, was employed in a stone-mill in Manchester, Vt., for many years, or until losing his arm during a Fourth of July celebration. He

afterward peddled tinware until his death, which occurred in 1879. He married Mary French, of Plainfield, and reared a family. Calista, who was born April 26, 1826, married Alanson Hadley, of Plainfield, N.H. Riley Jordan, born June 26, 1828, was a marble cutter, following his trade in various parts of this county; and he served as a soldier in the Civil War in the Sixth New Hampshire, Company G. He died July 3, 1881, aged fifty-three years. The maiden name of his wife was Laura French. Francis G., who was born August 6, 1830, was burned to death in his cradle, December 7, 1831. Louisa, who was born July 17, 1833, married Byron Sanborn, a native of Lisbon, N.H., and a farmer in Plainfield, and died in March, 1872, leaving one child. James, who was born June 13, 1843, and served for a time in the Fifth New Hampshire Regiment, Company C, during the Civil War, died February 21, 1896. Marcia was born October 29, 1845, and was accidentally killed June 25, 1856. She had returned to the school-house for something left there, and while attempting to enter through the window it fell upon her neck. Electa, who was born in October, 1848, married a Mr. Allen Root, foreman of a sash and blind factory in Fitchburg, Mass., and has one child.

Frank A. Jordan began his education in the common schools of Plainfield, and completed it in Newbury, Vt. He learned the stonecutter's trade, and for a time was employed in the construction of the Woodstock Railway. He enlisted in Company B, Second Regiment Vermont Volunteers, and after the first battle of Bull Run was transferred with five hundred and fifty others to the marine service. He did duty as fireman upon the gunboats "Cincinnati" and "Benton" in the Cairo expedition under Commodore Foote up the Tennessee and Cumberland and on the upper Mississippi. After the expiration of his first term he reenlisted in the Third Vermont Regiment, and took part in the battles of Culpeper Courthouse, the Rappahannock, Bristoe Station, Rapidan, Brandy Station, and all along that line, at Pittsburg Landing, Fort Henry, and Island No. 10. Since the war he has been engaged in the stone-cutting business in Plainfield, and has executed some excellent work upon several large estates in this locality. He is a skilful workman and an able business man, and aside from his everyday calling he carries on a farm.

Mr. Jordan married Cornelia E. Davis, who was born in Bethel, Vt., April 3, 1847, daughter of Joseph R. Davis, of that town. Mrs. Jordan is the mother of four children, namely: Sherman T., born August 1, 1865, who assists his father in business; Mabel M., born March 6, 1870; Emma Z., born May 20, 1873, married Edwin Milliner, of Plainfield, and has five children; and Parker C., born March 11, 1875, who is employed by his father. Politically, Mr. Jordan is a Republican, but is prevented by business pressure from taking an active part in public affairs.

JAMES S. ELKINS, a prominent citizen of Canterbury, N.H., was born in Rye, N.H., December 24, 1809, son of James and Mehitable (Rand) Elkins. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Elkins, was a native of Rye, where he was engaged in agriculture during the active period of his life. James Elkins was a farmer and fisherman, following the first-named occupation in Rye, where he was born May 3, 1777. He died in Canterbury, November 29, 1855. His wife, Mehitable Rand Elkins, was born in Rye, June 19, 1787, and died in Canterbury, July

20, 1859. They had three children: James S., the subject of this sketch; David, born November 4, 1812, and now deceased; and Moses, born February 21, 1814, who died September 20, 1889.

James S. Elkins received his education in the public schools of his native town. He remained at home, and helped on the farm until he was twenty years of age. His parents removed to Little Boar's Head and then to Stratham, N.H., remaining four years in each place. In 1834 they moved to Canterbury. He was engaged in stone-cutting in Quincy, Gloucester, and Boston, where he helped build the First Merchants' Exchange. In 1834 he bought a farm near the village of Canterbury. About 1873 he purchased the property where he now resides, and where for the last twenty years he has lived retired from business. In politics Mr. Elkins has always been a strong Democrat and an active politician. He served three years as Selectman, and was the Representative of his district two years, besides holding other minor offices. He has been twice married. His first wife was Abbie S. Tallant, a daughter of James Tallant, of Canterbury. They had one child, who died in infancy. Mrs. Elkins died November 22, 1884; and on December 2, 1885, Mr. Elkins married L. Maria, a daughter of Jonathan and Phœbe (Eastman) Sargent, born September 10, 1833. Mrs. Elkins is a member of the Congregational church, in which both she and her husband are active workers.

MOSES EATON DODGE, late a prosperous and highly respected farmer of Hopkinton, N.H., was born September 20, 1828, son of Henry and Susan (Eaton) Dodge. His parents, after their marriage, settled on the present Dodge farm, which has been in the possession of the family for seventy-five years. He was educated in the common schools, and early became engaged in farming and lumbering, in both of which occupations he was successful, and in the latter of which he did an extensive business, often employing about forty men. He was a man of quiet habits, a great reader, and an intelligent and useful citizen, respected by his fellow-townsmen. He served as Town Assessor; and he was a charter member of Union Grange, in which he also held office. In politics he was a Democrat. January 29, 1861, he married Abbie A., daughter of Charles and Phœbe (Hill) Weeks, of Hopkinton, by whom he had one son, Henry. Mr. Dodge died December 16, 1889, and was buried in the old Stumpfield district cemetery, where his parents rest. Mrs. Moses Dodge, who survives her husband, and resides on the old farm, is a lady of education and refinement, and an excellent conversationalist. She is somewhat of an invalid, being afflicted with rheumatism, which necessitates her constant use of a wheel chair. Still, she views life serenely, and spends her quiet, leisurely days in the pleasant surroundings of her picturesque home.

Henry Dodge, the son mentioned above, was born on the farm, January 2, 1863. He was educated at Contoocook Academy, and at New Hampton Institute, in which latter institution he took the four years' course, and was graduated with high honors in 1885. He studied medicine with Dr. Conn at Concord, and subsequently attended Dartmouth Medical College, and also the University of Vermont, where he took his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1888. He had as early as the age of sixteen taught school in Warner during the vacations, and he kept it up during his college course. After receiving his diploma,

he began practice at Goffstown, but soon after went to Webster, where he succeeded to the practice of Dr. Arey on the death of that gentleman. He was soon after elected County Physician for a term of three years, having an office at Penacook. He has since been in general practice in Webster, and is a prominent citizen there. He served on the School Board, and in 1894 he was elected to the legislature of the State. He is a prominent member of the grange, in which he is valued as a speaker on matter affecting the interests of that body. Dr. Dodge married Miss Josie Hoyt, daughter of Benjamin Hoyt, who was roadmaster at Wareham, Mass., for thirty years. The Doctor and his wife had one son — Clarence B., whom they named for the son of ex-Governor Burleigh, of Maine, but who died quite suddenly, November 23, 1894.

EDWARD DIMICK BAKER was an able advocate and lawyer of Claremont. He was born April 21, 1827, at Meriden, N.H., son of Dimick and Hannah (Colby) Baker. He was a descendant in a direct line from Joseph Baker, who was born April 13, 1678. Joseph's son, Hernon, by his wife, Abigail Bissel Baker, married Lois Gilbert, who had a son Oliver, a physician, who married Dorcus Dimick, and became the father of Dimick Baker.

Dimick Baker was born March 18, 1793, in Plainfield, N.H., where he resided throughout his life. He was a prosperous merchant and farmer, and one of the most influential men of the town. His wife, Hannah, had five children, namely: Elias, who died November 11, 1884; Hannah; Helen F.; Edward D.; and Cyrus E.

Having graduated from Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, Edward Dimick Baker at twenty-one began the study of law with the Hon. Nathaniel W. Westgate at Enfield, N.H. He continued his studies with the Hon. Henry A. Bellows, a Chief Justice of New Hampshire, and in 1851 was admitted to the bar. He practised at Cornish, this county, until 1855, and afterward in Claremont until the time of his death, which occurred February 1, 1895. Mr. Baker was an able and fearless lawyer. He argued for the right on matters of public importance, and to unnecessary or unwise expenditure he was always a strong opponent. It was said of him that he "was a careful and able lawyer, and a just and honorable arbitrator in differences, in which he frequently interposed his good offices to prevent unnecessary and expensive litigation." Politically a Republican, he was Representative to the General Court in 1859, 1885, and 1886. He also filled other positions of honor and trust. His religious preferences were given to the Congregational church. The authority already quoted further states: "He inherited considerable property, which grew through his business thrift to a large estate. In public affairs he had well-defined opinions and a definite policy, which he defended with an ability and a ready wit that always assured him an audience. He was a man of many admirable qualities. In his charities, and they were many, he was as unostentatious as in his life. He made no pretensions to be else than a quiet citizen and a courteous gentleman."

On November 12, 1851, Mr. Baker married Elizabeth Ticknor, of Plainfield, with whom he lived most happily, and who survives him. She was a daughter of Erastus Ticknor, who married Cynthia Wood, and had eight children, of whom two died young. Elisha Ticknor, in the harness-making business, is a prominent citizen of Lebanon, N.H. John

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has become a railroad man, and is living in Philadelphia. Cynthia married Newell Colby, Mabel married a Mr. Groves, and Caroline married Charles E. Elliott.

WILLIAM O. C. WOODBURY, long a prominent business man of Claremont, N.H., and one of the leading Odd Fellows in Sullivan County, was born in Acworth, N.H., February 26, 1818, son of Amos Woodbury. His father, who was born August 5, 1795, was twice married, first to Mary Farnam Carleton, born October 19, 1795, by whom he had: William Oliver Carleton, Mary Lawrence, Hannah Kelly, Eliza Crombee, Amos Omera, Amelia Jane, Judith Annette, Harriot Angeline, and Sarah Maria; and second to Louisa Chandler, born August 18, 1807, who gave him James Vilas Chandler and Samuel Ira Lawrence. Of these children by both marriages the living are: Mary L., Hannah K., Amelia J., and Harriot A. Amos Woodbury was a clock repairer by trade.

William learned the trade of his father. In his youth he entered the store of Eben and Samuel Bailey, makers of spoons, silverware, and small wares; and for his services in retailing to customers he was allowed the privilege of repairing watches. He soon established a good trade; and, acquiring capital by economy and hard work, he eventually succeeded his employers in business, remaining for twenty-seven years at the old stand in Bailey Block. Having accumulated a snug fortune for those days, he sold his business interests, but afterward he bought back his old store and continued for some eighteen months longer in business. He died December 29, 1875. Mr. Woodbury was a charter member of Sullivan Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F., first organized October 23, 1845. Some time afterward this lodge was disbanded; but Mr. Woodbury by his deep interest and enthusiasm for the society succeeded in having it reinstated in 1872, and was always looked upon as the father of this lodge. His wife is a charter member of the Rebecca Lodge, which was called Woodbury Lodge after him. Mr. Woodbury was liberal, hospitable, and public-spirited, and, though retired in habits, a man of good judgment and well liked by all his acquaintances.

He married Polly M. Spencer, daughter of Lewis S. Spencer, of East Randolph, Vt., a native of Claremont, and his wife, Polly Miner, of Lempster, N.H. Mrs. Woodbury's paternal grandfather was Reuben Spencer, who married Alice, daughter of Edward Ainsworth. Lewis S. Spencer was born March 13, 1788, and his wife Polly, December 27, 1793. They were married May 25, 1815, and their children were: Timothy M., Fanny, Polly M., Norman, Lewis G., Edwin, Charles, Timothy M. (second), Reuben, Maria L., and Annie E., of whom Timothy M., Norman, Lewis G., and Charles are now deceased.

JACOB NEWTON BUTLER, M.D., of Lempster, N.H., one of the best known physicians in this part of Sullivan County, was born in Lyndeboro, Hillsborough County, this State, February 6, 1821, son of Jacob and Sarah (Blanchard) Butler. His great-grandfather, William Butler, came, it is said, from England, and settled in Essex County, Massachusetts. He married, so we are informed, Sarah Perkins, and had seven children, three sons and four daughters. The three sons enlisted in the War for Independence, and one never came back. One was taken prisoner and carried to Halifax, N.S., where he died of small-pox. The other son,

Jonathan Butler, grandfather of Jacob N., was born in Gloucester, Mass., and was the first of the family to settle in Lyndeboro. He served in the battle of Bunker Hill and in many other engagements during the War for Independence. While in the service he worked at his trade of a blacksmith nine months, and later followed his trade in connection with farming. He was Town Clerk for a great many years. He died in 1844, aged ninety-two years; and his wife, Lois Kidder Butler, died in 1846, aged eighty-six years. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Sarah, born January 11, 1779; Hannah, born October 27, 1780; Jacob, first, born December 30, 1782; Jonathan, born March 1, 1785; Lois, born April 27, 1787; Rachel, born July 4, 1789; Tryphena, born April 2, 1792; Jacob, second, born June 7, 1794; Mary, born September 4, 1796; Susannah, born September 23, 1798; Lucy, born January 21, 1802; and William, born April 21, 1805. William Butler, who became a practising physician, married Nancy Smith, of New Boston, N.H. Soon after graduating he located in Union, Broome County, N.Y. He was a successful practitioner, and lived to be over ninety years old. He had two sons: Smith Butler, who enlisted in the late war, and died soon after; and Morris, who is now a physician in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jacob Butler, Dr. J. N. Butler's father, was born in Lyndeboro, N.H., June 7, 1794. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and after his return from the army he engaged in agricultural pursuits in his native town. He tilled the soil with energy during the rest of his active period, and was an exceedingly able and thrifty farmer. In politics he was originally a Whig, but joined the Republican party at its formation, and was for many years a prominent factor in the transaction of the town's public business. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist, and the temperance cause had in him a strong and earnest advocate. His wife, Sarah Blanchard, who was born in Lyndeboro, May 29, 1793, became the mother of six children, namely: Jacob Newton, first, born August 2, 1819, and died in infancy; Jacob Newton, second, the subject of this sketch, born February 6, 1821; Jonathan H., born June 17, 1823; William Horace, born October 28, 1825; Charles Milton, born August 7, 1827; and Olney Page, born April 22, 1835. Jonathan H. married and became a ranchman in Nebraska, where he was killed by the Indians. William Horace Butler was a harness-maker, and followed his trade until his death, which occurred in May, 1880. Charles Milton, who is a travelling man, wedded Martha M. Weston, of Ohio. Olney Page Butler, who was engaged in farming, died May 1, 1880, survived by his wife, Mrs. Hannah Langdell Butler, who is now residing in Lyndeboro, N.H. Mrs. Sarah B. Butler died in April, 1869; and her husband, Jacob Butler, died April 16, 1882.

Jacob Newton Butler pursued the primary branches of study in the district schools, and advanced by attending the academies in Hancock and New Ipswich. He resided for a year with his uncle in Union, Broome County, N.Y., where he attended a fitting school for college, and then devoted himself to educational work, presiding over schools in Greenfield and Temple, N.H. While thus engaged, he studied medicine with Dr. John Ramsay, of Greenfield, N.H., and Drs. Smith and Follansby, of Peterboro, and later with Dr. Joseph B. Parsons in Bennington, N.H. He attended two courses of lectures in Woodstock, Vt., and then entered the Berkshire Medical College, Pittsfield, Mass., where he was graduated in 1843. On December 5 of the same

year he located in Lempster, where he began his professional career; and it has never been necessary for him to seek other fields for practice, as his ability has found ample scope for useful and lucrative employment in this town and vicinity. He has long enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most skilful and reliable physicians of this section, and he is still in active practice.

Dr. Butler is one of the oldest members of the New Hampshire State Medical Society. Politically, he is a firm supporter of the Republican party; and, although his professional duties have prevented him from often accepting public office, he was induced to serve upon the School Board, and for many years he rendered valuable aid to the cause of public education in Lempster. He is connected with Silver Mountain Grange, No. 196, Patrons of Husbandry. His activity in the temperance cause has been of much benefit to the community, and as a member of the Congregational church he has displayed a deep interest in religious work.

On June 22, 1846, Dr. Butler was united in marriage with Harriet Moore. She was born in Lempster, February 10, 1827, daughter of Charles and Airra (Beckwith) Moore, of Goshen. Charles Moore, who was a native of Bolton, Mass., settled in Lempster when a young man, and followed agricultural pursuits for the rest of his life. He was the father of four children, namely: Harriet, who is now Mrs. Butler; Helen, wife of Hiram Parker, a merchant and Postmaster in this town; George, who married Almina Weed, of Unity, and is now a prosperous farmer in Vermont; and Charles Austin, a travelling man, who married Ella Smith, of Ludlow, Vt., and resides in Rutland.

George Arthur, only child of Dr. and Mrs. Butler, was born May 23, 1850. He graduated in 1871 at the Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H., having also attended the Thayer School in Hanover, N.H. He then entered the academical department at Dartmouth, from which he graduated in the class of 1875. During his college vacations for four years he was employed on the United States Coast Survey service. Since 1879 he has been in the civil engineering department of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, and resides in Chicago. He married Abigail McCrillis, of Sandwich, N.H., and has one son — Newton Crillis, born March 16, 1888.

SYLVESTER PRENTISS DANFORTH, an enterprising member of the well-known firm of Danforth, Forest & Morgan, contractors, builders, and lumber dealers of Concord, N.H., was born in Boscawen, N.H., August 14, 1838. His parents were Nathan C. and Sophia C. (Brown) Danforth, both residents of Merrimack County for many years. His father and grandfather were engaged in the lumber business for years, while his maternal ancestors were farmers in this county.

Sylvester P. Danforth attended the public schools and Boscawen Academy, completing his school education at the age of eighteen years. He then learned the cabinet-maker's trade with Caldwell & Amsden, for whom he worked eight years as foreman. On September 1, 1867, he came to Concord and served as superintendent for Isaac Elwell & Co., furniture manufacturers, remaining with them three years. His next employer was E. B. Hutchinson, contractor, whom he served as foreman in the moulding and finishing department for twelve years. In 1882 Mr. Danforth bought a half-interest in the Charles Kimball interior and exterior building, finish, and lumber

business. Five years later George S. Forest became associated as partner, under the firm name of Kimball, Danforth & Forest, contractors, builders, and lumber dealers. On September 1, 1893, Mr. Kimball retired, and Mr. F. A. Morgan became associated with the firm, which assumed its present style of Danforth, Forest & Morgan. They have an excellent record, and have been employed in the construction of many prominent buildings.

Mr. Danforth has been twice married. On August 14, 1893, he was united in matrimony with Caroline A. Morgan, of Concord, who bore him one child, Herbert Milton. The maiden name of his second wife was Flora Augusta Wheeler. In politics Mr. Danforth is a Democrat, and he was an alternate at the National Democratic Convention at Chicago in 1896. He is identified with various fraternal organizations, namely: Blazing Star Lodge, No. 11, in which he is Past Master; Horace Chase Council, F. & A. M.; Trinity Chapter, R. A. M. He is Past District Deputy Grand Master; Generalissimo of Mount Horeb Commandery, K.T.; Past Grand Lecturer of the Fourth Masonic District; and also a thirty-second degree Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

THE CANTERBURY SHAKERS.—Communism has been a vital topic with mankind since the world was young, and Bellamy's "Looking Backward" has reawakened public interest in the subject. Few people stop to consider that in several of our States are families whose modes of living are governed by the essential principles of communism. The Shakers, or United Society of Believers, found now, it is said, only in the United States, though the sect originated in France and flourished for a time in England, believe in a "community of goods" and in co-operative work, as religious communism is the ruling power of the organization.

The history of Shakerism dates from 1689, when the people were much talked of in France; and in the beginning of the eighteenth century their peculiar tenets caused much excitement in England. James Wardley, an eloquent preacher of the Quaker denomination, with his wife, Jane, formed a society at Bolton, near Manchester, England, which was the first English-speaking community. The kernel of their religion was the belief that all good actions are done under the influence of God, and they believed his spirit would be ever with any one who tried to lead a righteous life. At their religious services they would sit in reverent meditation until one of their number would be inspired by the spirit of God. The inspired one would often manifest deep emotion, which would gradually pervade the entire congregation with worshipful effect.

Among Wardley's followers was the family of John Lee, a Manchester blacksmith, whose daughter Ann has ever since been regarded by the Shakers as the incarnation of the Christ. She was born in Manchester, England, February 29, 1736. Her early life from childhood was narrowed by factory and other work, which deprived her of educational advantages. Even as a child she was of a religious turn of mind, taking a great interest in Wardley's meetings, and was the subject of heavenly visions. Through the influence of her parents she married Abraham Stanley. In 1758 she joined Wardley's society. While in prison during the persecution of the sect, she had an inspirational vision commissioning her to preach Christian celibacy or absolute purity of body and mind. The Shakers accepted her visions and counsels as the actual second coming of

Christ through "Mother Ann Lee." In the spring of 1774 she had a revelation directing her to go to America with eight of her followers, among whom were her husband and brother. After their departure active Shakerism closed in England. They reached New York, August 6, 1774, and remained in that vicinity two years, Mother Ann's husband leaving her meanwhile, as she was determined, agreeably to the new light, to lead a virgin life. In 1776 the Rev. John Hocknell, who had a little property, bought a tract of land near Niskayuna, now Watervliet, N. Y. ; and here the little colony found a home. Mother Ann Lee closed this life September 8, 1784.

History tells of the persecutions which the Shakers suffered while endeavoring to gain a foothold in this country; but to-day there are seventeen of their communal families in the States, the one at New Lebanon, N. Y., established in 1787, being the oldest. There are two in New Hampshire, one at Enfield and the other at East Canterbury. The Canterbury community was formed in 1792, under the direction of Job Bishop, a delegate from New Lebanon, N. Y. Benjamin Whitcher, a farmer who settled in this place in 1774, with his wife became converted to the Shaker belief; and they gave their farm to the family. A meeting-house and dwellings were accordingly built upon the land, where they have now stood for over one hundred years. Benjamin Whitcher became one of the Elders of the family, and his wife, Mary Shepard, a trustee. Elders and trustees manage the spiritual and temporal affairs of the society. The head of the church is the Order of Ministry at New Lebanon, N. Y., the oldest settlement.

Mother Ann Lee selected her successor, and the precedent established by her has been followed ever since. An Order of Elders consists, generally, of two Brethren and two Sisters, the Shakers believing in the equality of men and women. The bishopric consisting of the societies at Canterbury and Enfield is at present under the guidance of Elder Henry C. Blinn and Eldresses Joanna Kaime and Emeline Hart, who divide their time between the two places. They are appointed to office by the authority at New Lebanon. Each family also has a board of Elders and Eldresses. Those at Canterbury at present are Elders Benjamin H. Smith and William Briggs and Eldresses Dorothy A. Durgin and Dorothea Cochran; at the upper family, Elder Freeman B. White and Eldresses Sarah Libbey and Lucy A. Miller. These are chosen by the family with which they are connected.

The financial business of each family is under a board of trustees, who hold in trust all the property. The Canterbury board consists of Elder Henry C. Blinn, William Briggs, and Arthur Bruce, and Sisters Lucy Ann Shepard and Emeline Hart. The trustees are chosen by the family in which they reside. The ranks of the Shakers are recruited by converts from abroad and by children whom they educate. Their funds are augmented by the income derived from various kinds of industrial work. The Canterbury family seek a livelihood by manufacturing several medicinal preparations and by a limited line of woollen knit goods. They also publish a neat periodical in pamphlet form, called *The Manifesto*, a monthly, which is under the management of Elder H. C. Blinn.

It seems fitting to close this sketch with a brief synopsis of their religious belief. They accept the Bible as the best historical record of God's work among his people. They reverently regard Jesus as the most deeply inspired medium, hence the best prepared agent for manifesting God's will to

humanity. The Christ they worship is the spirit of God. The idea of the omnipresence of this spirit is the corner stone of their belief. Earthly life is an infinitely short part of the life of our spirit and of our endeavor for good or evil. The resurrection of the body is not accepted by the Shakers; but they believe in the eternal life of the soul, continuing in the future world as it has in this, only more strengthened as the spirit of God is developed. A departed spirit may give aid to the spirit of one on earth and reveal light and truth to him.

The nine cardinal virtues of Shakerism, as presented by Father Joseph Meacham, the head of the sect in 1787, are: 1. Purity in mind and body — a virgin life. 2. Honesty and integrity of purpose in all words and transactions. 3. Humanity and kindness to both friend and foe. 4. Diligence in business, thus serving the Lord. Labor for all, according to strength and ability, genius and circumstances. Industrious, yet not slavish; that all may be busy, peaceable, and happy. 5. Prudence and economy, temperance and frugality, without parsimony. 6. Absolute freedom from debt, owing no man anything but love and good will. 7. Education of children in scriptural, secular, and scientific knowledge. 8. A united interest in all things more comprehensive than the selfish relations of husband, wife, and children — the mutual love and unity of kindred spirits, the greatest and best demonstration of practical love. 9. Ample provision for all in health, sickness, and advanced life. A perfect equality — one faith, practising every virtue, shunning all vice.

The name Shaker has become a synonym for charity, and no one ever asked help at a Shaker's door without a kind response to his need.

NATHANIEL TOLLES, M.D., was for many years one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of Claremont. A native of Weathersfield, Vt., he was born September 17, 1805, son of John Tolles. His father, an industrious farmer, moved from Weathersfield to Claremont about the year 1819. His grandfather, Henry Tolles, was a member of Captain William Upham's company during the Revolutionary War.

Young Nathaniel Tolles availed himself of the advantages for obtaining an education offered by the Catholic Seminary in this town, then in charge of the Rev. Daniel Barber. Here he fitted for college, and was about to enter upon his classical course, when a severe illness, resulting from a too close application to study, prevented him from carrying out his purpose. Afterward, for a period, he assisted his father upon the farm in the summer and taught school in the winter. Beginning in 1827 he studied medicine under Dr. James Hall, of Windsor, Vt., for two years. Then for a short time he was under the instruction of Dr. Charles G. Adams, of Keene, N.H. Subsequently he attended lectures at Bowdoin and Dartmouth Universities; and he graduated from the last-named college in November, 1830. Immediately after leaving college, he was appointed resident physician at the South Boston Almshouse, where he remained six months. In September, 1831, he located for practice in Reading, Vt. Unable to consult more experienced colleagues of the profession owing to the remoteness of his location, he had to rely solely upon his own judgment during the first ten years of his practice. In the fall of 1841 he made a protracted visit to the public hospitals of New York City, where he gained the advantage of much observation. In March, 1842, he settled in Claremont; and

he was soon in possession of a large practice. For many years he was the principal surgeon in this locality, and his advice in cases where consultation was necessary was eagerly sought for. Several medical students, who have since become successful practitioners, found in him a willing and sympathizing tutor. He was a Director of the old Claremont Bank, and of the Claremont National Bank from the date of its organization in 1864. Though not an aspirant for political honors, he accepted and ably filled various positions of trust and responsibility. In 1858 he served as Chairman of the first Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, and he was one of the Presidential electors from this State to cast its vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He was one of the projectors of the Stevens High School building, a member of the committee appointed to erect it, a member of its Board of Management for four years, and one of the trustees of the Stevens Fund. He joined the Masonic fraternity when a young man, and he attended the Episcopal church.

Dr. Tolles was twice married. On the first occasion he was united to Frances J. Upham, of Weathersfield, Vt., who died February 26, 1833. His second marriage was contracted with Jane Weston, daughter of Ezekiel Weston, of Rockingham, Vt.; and she died April 29, 1893. His five children were Frances Jane, who is now residing at the homestead in this town; Ida Adelaide, who died December 25, 1839, aged two years, seven months, and seven days; Valentine Mott, who died March 7, 1844, aged seven months and nineteen days; Clarence W., born in Claremont, April 30, 1845; and Florence Cameron, who died October 7, 1861, aged twelve years, nine months, and twenty-seven days. The early education of Clarence W. Tolles, who is now a physician of Claremont, was of a nature calculated to fit him especially for a professional career. His medical studies were begun under the direction of his father; and he graduated from Bellevue Medical College, New York City, in 1868. After a year's course at the University Medical College in London he entered into practice with his father. He has made surgery a specialty for the past fifteen years, and it is conceded that he is one of the ablest and best-read surgeons in the State. He has been a member of the local board of health for the last three years, was one of the committee to select the site for the Cottage Hospital, and is now the surgeon of that institution. He occupies a high social position, and he is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Dr. Nathaniel Tolles died at his home in Claremont, June 24, 1879. The event was mourned by the townspeople as a great loss to the community. The esteem in which he was held is best shown by the following, taken from the resolutions adopted at a meeting of his brother physicians: "Resolved, That in the professional life, labors, and character of Dr. Tolles, which extended over a full half-century, we have a commendable example of industry, of zeal, of usefulness, and of professional honor, not often combined in a single life."

ALBERT BINGHAM WOODWORTH, the Mayor of Concord and a well-known merchant of the city, was born in Dorchester, April 7, 1843, son of George and Louisa (Hovey) Woodworth. His grandfather, Sylvanus Woodworth, born in Lebanon, Conn., who was one of the first settlers of Dorchester, served in the Revolutionary War, and fought at Bunker Hill under General Putnam. The father, also a native of Dorchester, was a man of lofty character and thoroughly respected where he was

best known. He was a remarkably well-read man, and he was one of the original anti-slavery men of New Hampshire. He was prominent in the Congregational church, of which he became a member early in life. The mother was a native of Lyme, N.H.

Albert B. Woodworth removed with his parents from Dorchester, N.H., to Hebron, N.H., where he attended the public schools. Subsequently his education was completed at Boscawen Academy. At the age of fifteen years he was employed by D. E. Willard, of Orford, N.H. After entering on his nineteenth year, he managed a country store in Warren, N.H., for four years. For a year, beginning in 1867, he was associated with Cyrus Taylor, of Bristol. In the spring of 1868 he succeeded Parker & Young, of Lisbon, in one of the largest general merchandise stores in Northern New Hampshire, where he continued to do business until 1873. Mr. Woodworth then removed to Concord, N.H., and, with his brother, Edward B., forming the firm Woodworth Brothers, bought out C. C. Webster & Co. Three years later they bought the store of Hutchins & Co., and conducted it for five years under the style of Woodworth, Dodge & Co. Then for the following two years it was carried on by Woodworth, Dow & Co.; and since 1883 the firm name has been Woodworth & Co. A Director of the Parker & Young Manufacturing Company of Lisbon, N.H., since its organization, Mr. Woodworth was elected its President in 1895. He was formerly one of the founders and a Trustee of the Lisbon Savings Bank and Trust Company.

On September 30, 1873, Mr. Woodworth was married to Miss Mary Parker, of Lisbon. He is now the father of three children — Edward K., Grace, and Charles P. Woodworth. In religion Mr. Woodworth is a member and a vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Concord. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party. He served Concord for four years in the capacity of Alderman; represented it in the State legislature in 1893; and on November 4, 1896, was elected Mayor of the city for two years. Mayor Woodworth is a member of Kane Lodge, F. & A. M., of Lisbon.

WILLIAM B. LEAVITT, a prominent resident of North Grantham, widely known as the compiler of Leavitt's Almanac, was born August 7, 1812, son of John and Susan (Burnham) Leavitt. The family has been in America since the early part of the seventeenth century, when three brothers came from England to the shores of the New World. Robust, sturdy, and energetic, these brothers soon assumed a leading position among the early settlers. Since that time the family tree has grown so that now its branches may be found in several parts of the country. It has given men of upright lives and noble characters to the nation, and has helped to swell the roll of brave soldiers who have fought in defence of liberty and the Union.

Nathaniel Leavitt, the grandfather of William B., was born December 27, 1727, at Exeter, N.H., and died in 1824. He lived in Exeter during the greater part of his life. When he was quite advanced in years, he moved to Grantham, where he took up his residence with one of his sons. His wife, in maidenhood Lydia Sanborn, who was born in February, 1736, died October 30, 1827. She had six children by him; namely, Nathaniel, Jr., Dudley, John, Josiah, Moses, and Jeremiah. The first married, spent the greater part of his life in Grantham, and died in Vermont. Dudley and Josiah, who were

farmers of Grantham, married and had children. Moses, a resident of Sanbornton, this State, and a farmer, had a large family of children, who are now widely scattered. Jeremiah lived in Canada and was engaged in farming. John Leavitt, the father of Mr. William B., born at Exeter, December 5, 1769, died in October, 1854. He was the first Leavitt to settle in Grantham, coming here when a young man. He carried on farming on an extensive scale, and was very active in town affairs, but never desired public office. He was known as a religious man, and was much respected on account of his many amiable qualities. He was three times married, on the first occasion to Mehitable Ring, who, born November 12, 1769, died October 16, 1807. Her five children were: Jonathan, John, Moses, Mary, and Thomas. His second marriage was made with Susan Burnham, of Essex, N.H., who was born in October, 1763, and died in October, 1836. Of her children Mehitable, born November 28, 1809, died October 12, 1842; Nathaniel was born on March 1, 1816; and Phylura, July 19, 1818. The others were: William B. and Isaac. The third wife, Rachel D. Bliss Leavitt, had no children. Jonathan, the eldest son of John Leavitt, was a farmer of this town, and represented it for a time in the legislature. John also was a farmer here and a Representative. Moses, likewise a farmer, lived at Grafton. Mary married Ezekiel Alexander, a farmer of Grantham. Thomas died at the age of eighteen. Isaac, twin brother of William B. Leavitt, has not married, and is a farmer in the State of Illinois. Nathaniel also was engaged in farming in Illinois, and married Susan Martin. Phylura married Samuel B. Hastings, of Grantham.

Early in his life William B. Leavitt showed a great fondness and aptitude for the sciences. He was instructed by Dudley Leavitt, a teacher of philosophy, astronomy, and mathematics, who first compiled Leavitt's Farmer's Almanac in January, 1796, when Washington was President of the United States and our government was but eight years old. As this publication has been continued through a period of one hundred years down to the present time, the name of Dudley Leavitt is a familiar one in all the rural households of this and many other States of the Union. At his death in 1851 Dudley left the almanac to be carried forward by his successor and former pupil, William B. Leavitt. At present the calculations for this great work are made out to the year 1914. Mr. Leavitt is a student now, as he has always been. He has given much thought to the questions of public interest which have arisen in the life of the town. His townsmen have many times wished to make him one of the public officers of the town; but Mr. Leavitt has resisted all importunities, consenting only to serve as Town Treasurer for two years and as Town Clerk for the same length of time.

Mr. Leavitt married Frances B. Merrill, who was born in Croydon, March 12, 1817, and died March 20, 1893. She was descended from one of the old and most influential families of the State. Her children were: Mandana, born August 3, 1843, who died July 28, 1869; Mary M., born November 14, 1845; Malana E., born August 28, 1847; Phylura, born August 25, 1850; William M., born April 25, 1853; Fred A., born November 14, 1856; and Frank W., born August 14, 1858. Mandana married Daniel Hanson, of North Weare, N.H., a manufacturer of shoemakers' knives. Mary became Mrs. Oscar S. Buzzell, of Newport, and the mother of three children. Malana married Moses P. Burpee, a prominent man of Grantham, and has had three children,

of whom one is living. Phylura married Daniel Hanson after the death of his first wife, and has one daughter. William M., a government printer in Washington, successively married Ella Hines and May Renner. Fred A. married Mary Brown, of Grantham, and is largely interested in the milk business in Boston. Frank Leavitt was educated in the schools of his native town and at Colby Academy. After finishing school, he went West for a time, and did some prospecting. Since his return he has lived on the homestead with his father, engaged in farming and running a steam sawmill, which employs a number of men. He is very prominent in town affairs, and at this writing is the Town Treasurer. He married Addie Pinney, of Grantham, who was born March 28, 1863. They have three children: William B., born November 27, 1885; Wallace E., born September 20, 1890; and Ernest, born October 27, 1895.

NATHANIEL S. DRAKE, the treasurer and superintendent of the Drake & Sanborn Shoe Company, of Pittsfield, was born here, September 16, 1851, in the house he now occupies on Main Street, son of James and Betsey (Seavey) Drake. His genealogy is traced to Robert Drake, born in the County of Devon, England, in 1580, who came to New England with a family before 1643. Robert was one of the grantees and first settlers of Exeter. He removed in 1651 to Hampton, "where he owned and left considerable estate." Much respected throughout his life, his death on January 14, 1668, was mourned as a loss to the community. Abraham Drake, son of Robert, was born in England in 1621. His son, Abraham Drake (second), by his wife, Jane, was born December 29, 1654. This Abraham married Sarah Hobbs, and died May 20, 1714. Abraham Drake (third), son of Abraham (second), born in December, 1688, died April 13, 1767. He married Theodate Roby, whose son, Simon, born October 4, 1730, married Judith Perkins, and died March 16, 1801.

Major James Drake, it is stated, was of middle stature, well proportioned, of a fine figure, and possessed great physical strength and powers of endurance. A description of his person strongly resembles that which is given of England's famous admiral, Sir Francis Drake. This resemblance extended also to his mental and moral traits; for it is said he was a man of great force of character, possessing a strong will and much determination, which qualities, tempered by sound judgment, brought him into considerable prominence in the community in which his lot was cast. He was born November 14, 1755, either in Epping or Hampton, N.H. He came to Pittsfield when a young man and shortly before his marriage, being among its early settlers. Besides clearing a farm from the wilderness, he eventually became the owner of several other good farms, all of which he acquired by his industry and enterprise. The outbreak of the War of Independence so aroused his patriotism that, although but nineteen years of age, he abandoned his axe, and, shouldering a musket, joined a company then being organized, and shared its fortunes in the ensuing struggle. After his discharge from the Continental army he resumed his axe, and continued the work of clearing and improving his farm. He received his title of Major from his connection with the early State militia. Good service was rendered by him to Pittsfield in the capacity of its Representative in the State legislature. No man was more highly esteemed for his personal integrity. He died February 26, 1834. His wife, Hannah Ward Drake, who

came from Hampton and was born October 31, 1763, reared twelve children, each of whom lived to be over sixty years old. She died December 17, 1848, aged eighty-five years.

Colonel James Drake, the father of Nathaniel S., born at the homestead in Pittsfield, June 29, 1805, was brought up to agriculture, which he also followed successfully for some years, also dealing extensively in live stock. He eventually moved to the village, and, becoming President of the Pittsfield National Bank, held that position for the rest of his life. An excellent business man, he acquired a handsome property. He figured prominently in public affairs, served as a Selectman and in other town offices, and he was also a member of the State Senate. In politics he supported the Democratic party. He was identified with the State militia, in which he served as Colonel of the Eighteenth Regiment. His strict adherence to high principles was conspicuous among his many commendable qualities, and the cause of morality and religion had in him a stanch and generous supporter. He died at his home in Pittsfield, April 7, 1870. His wife, Betsey Seavey Drake, whom he married August 13, 1834, was born October 14, 1811, a daughter of George and Betsey (Lane) Seavey, of Chichester, N.H. She had three children, of whom the survivors are: Georgia B. and Nathaniel S. Georgia B. is the wife of Josiah Carpenter, a successful banker of Manchester, N.H. She is actively engaged in charitable and patriotic work, and is the New Hampshire State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The other child was Frank James Drake, born November 3, 1842, who died August 20, 1891. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1865, and located in Manchester, N.H., where he was a successful wholesale flour and grain merchant. The mother, who was a member of the Baptist church, died September 28, 1865.

Nathaniel S. Drake began his education in the common schools, and completed his studies at the Pittsfield Academy. For two years after leaving school, he was in the clothing business in this town. Afterward he was connected with the United States and Canada Express and the American Express Company in this town, spending a short time in their offices in Concord, N.H., and Boston, Mass. Later he entered the employ of the Lancaster Shoe Company, with which he remained about twelve years, serving for the last six years in the capacity of superintendent of the factory and its branches. He was the founder of the Hill & Drake Shoe Company, which commenced business on January 1, 1893, and which is now known as the Drake & Sanborn Shoe Company. In this connection it is interesting to note that, although Pittsfield has the reputation of being a manufacturing town, the Drake & Sanborn Shoe Company, now employing over fifty people, is the first enterprise conducted upon home capital and giving employment to more than a dozen men that has ever existed in the town, all the other manufacturing enterprises being and having been owned and operated by outside capital. As treasurer and superintendent of the company, which manufactures misses' and children's medium-priced goods, Mr. Drake is rapidly bringing it to the front; and it is now well advanced upon the road to prosperity.

On March 17, 1873, Mr. Drake was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. R. Green, who was born July 3, 1857, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth F. (Chase) Green, of Pittsfield. Mrs. Drake is the mother of two children: James Frank, born September 1, 1880; and Agnes, born April 2, 1883. In politics Mr. Drake is a Democrat. He has served

with ability as Moderator and Town Treasurer for several years. He is a Director of the First National Bank and one of the Trustees of the Farmers' Savings Bank. His prominence in business circles, together with his high social standing, places him in the front rank among the leading residents of Pittsfield. Mrs. Drake, who is a member of the Episcopal church, shares her husband's popularity, and is a lady of pleasing manners and true womanly grace.

CHARLES EASTMAN STANIELS, a prominent life insurance agent of Concord, N.H., was born in Lowell, Mass., December 27, 1844, son of Edward L. and Ruth Bradley (Eastman) Staniels. The father, born in Chichester, N.H., for many years was interested in the drug business, successively in Lowell and Boston, Mass. Toward the latter part of his life he removed to Roxbury, Mass., then a suburb of Boston, and died there at the age of sixty-five years. He was twice married. By his first wife there were three children, all of whom are now dead. His second marriage was made with Ruth Bradley Eastman, now over eighty-five years old, whose only child is the subject of this sketch. A daughter of General Isaac Eastman, of Concord, N.H., she is a direct descendant, in the sixth generation, of Captain Ebenezer Eastman, the first settler of Concord, and of Captain Edward Johnson, the historian of Woburn, Mass., one of the commissioners appointed by the General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony to fix the northern boundary of that colony in 1652. In 1833 a large boulder was discovered at the entrance of Lake Winnepesaukee at Weirs, N.H., bearing the initials of Governor John Endicott, with those of the commissioners, Captain Edward Johnson and Captain Symon Willard, which had remained unnoticed and subject to elemental conditions for one hundred and eighty-one years. The State of New Hampshire has erected a substantial stone canopy upon this historic "Endicott Rock," thereby protecting the ancient inscriptions for all time. Jonathan Staniels, the grandfather of Charles Eastman, was a native of Chichester, and followed the occupations of farmer and builder. He lived to a very advanced age, and left a family of twelve children. Judge William M. Chase, of Concord, is one of his descendants. The original surname of this family was Stanyan, and its annals are interwoven with those of Rockingham County.

Charles Eastman Staniels was educated in the Boston grammar schools and in the Roxbury Latin School. In the latter institution he was prepared for college, but the outbreak of the Civil War diverted him from the purpose of pursuing a collegiate course. He had enlisted in the Fifty-sixth Massachusetts Regiment of Volunteers when his parents had him discharged on account of his extreme youth. He then went to work in a wholesale furnishing house in the city of Boston. Subsequently, in 1865, he became a commercial traveller for the same concern, and has been more or less on the road ever since. In those mid-century days, Western travel was an entirely different affair from the convenience and even luxury that attend it to-day. The inconvenience, hardship, and even suffering involved in a long western mercantile trip in those days can hardly be comprehended to-day. "Staging," as it was called, and steamboating on Western rivers were then common factors in a travelling man's experience. Before the completion of the Union Pacific Railroad and the consequent development and growth of large business centres, the commercial travel-

ler in the extreme West was subject to diversions not known to the present generation of mercantile agents. A buffalo hunt, an Indian scrimmage on the frontier, or a few nights in a snow blockade in the Rockies were not considered unusual or especially unmixed blessings. Following the war, it was hog, hominy, and cockroaches in the South; spiders and keno in Texas; alkali, Indians, and snowdrifts on the plains; lime water, lager beer, bedbugs, and poker on the Mississippi; and brag, bluff, and bunco in Chicago and St. Paul.

In 1869 Mr. Staniels assumed the charge of a manufacturing establishment in Boston, and thereafter managed its affairs in the South and West for a number of years. At length, his health becoming somewhat undermined by his devotion to business matters, he removed to New Hampshire and took two years of complete rest. Then he engaged in the fire insurance business in Concord. To this he has since added life insurance, and has now been engaged in both very successfully for the past twelve years, highly esteemed by his business associates. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the National Life Underwriter's Association of the United States since its organization, and has also served as President of the New Hampshire Life Underwriters' Association. He married Eva F. Tuttle, of Boston, Mass., whose parents were natives of New Hampshire, and they have a family of three children; namely, Charles T., Mabel R., and Roscoe E.

A deservedly popular man in his community, Mr. Staniels has been elected to membership in numerous associations. He was twice chosen to fill the presidential chair of the New Hampshire Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and left that organization in fine condition when he retired from the office. He has also been President of the White Mountain Travellers' Association. During its continuance he was the Secretary of the Chautauqua Assembly of New Hampshire, and also served the Eastman Family Association in a similar capacity. Wherever he has made his home, he has taken a keen interest in the local military matters. While living in Boston, he was a commissioned officer of the Boston Tigers. On one occasion, at the time of the "draft riots" in that city, he was in command of a detachment of that organization, guarding the arms and ammunition of the State stored in old Boylston Hall. Since coming to New Hampshire, he has served as a commissioned officer in the old Amoskeag Veterans. In politics Mr. Staniels is a Republican, and he cast his initial ballot for Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He is a member of the East Concord Congregational Church.

ELDER JOHN G. HOOK, of Concord, N.H., was born in Chichester, this State, February 13, 1820, the son of Jacob Hook. Elder Hook's grandfather, Francis Hook, was born in Salisbury, Mass. He was a fisherman by occupation, and he also ran a horseback express from his native town to Newburyport. He finally bought a large tract of land in Chichester, and started all his five sons in life with a comfortable farm. Jacob Hook, father of Elder Hook, was the eldest of the family. He was educated in the Salisbury public schools, and was engaged in farming all his life. At the time of his death he was exactly ninety-two years and six months old. He married Hannah Griffin, of Northwood, N.H. Six children were born to him: Esther B.; Asa J.; Mary A.; Elvira, who died at the age of five; John G., the subject of this sketch; and William P.

Elder Hook is the only survivor of this

family. His life has been one of unceasing effort for the uplifting of humanity, and of many and varied experiences. The son of a poor man, he received only a limited education in his youth, and early worked at the printing-press on Bibles for Roby, Kimball & Merrill. After this he was travelling salesman, and sold Yankee notions. In 1839 he started for the Far West. On the way he met some kinsfolk, among them an aunt and several cousins, and stayed with them in the town of Marcellus, N.Y., where he was providentially converted to the Christian religion, largely through the influence of his devoted aunt. Word reached his parents in the East that he had been murdered, and his mother was saved from dying of grief through the timely arrival of a letter from her son.

After his return to Concord he attended some religious meetings conducted by Elder Joshua B. Hines, of Boston, who came here with a mammoth tent, the largest then made in the United States, costing eight hundred dollars. Its maker, James Martin, pitched the tent and cared for it. Those were wonderful meetings, awakening great interest, and people came to them from all parts of the country. Here Elder Hook heard for the first time the Advent doctrine, which he accepted; and, laying aside all else, he went at once to spreading the tidings of the second coming of Christ. Since that time he has devoted his life to this work, and during all these years has never preached for a living. He has travelled over two hundred thousand miles without aid from any missionary society or backing from any church, and has never had a salary or fixed price for his services. He has preached in many of the States and Territories and in the British Provinces, and has been able, with what the Lord has moved others to help him, to pay his own expenses by working in different lines. He has dealt largely in real estate. He bought the land on the hill in Concord where he now lives, and laid out Auburn Street at his own expense. At one time he labored independently in Hawaii. His preaching has extended through fifty-five years. He once held meetings in San Francisco under his tent, three services a day for eighty consecutive days, his audiences being composed of people from many lands and of various nationalities. Later in the same year his tent was destroyed by a storm. A series of revival meetings, held by him in Concord in Phœnix Hall and in Eagle Hall, independently of any of the churches, resulted in the greatest revival that has ever been experienced in this city. It lasted for two months, and Elder Hook baptized one hundred and fifty converts by immersion; and on one occasion four of the Concord clergymen assisted Elder Hook at a river baptism. About two thousand souls have been baptized by Elder Hook, and fourteen of these have become ministers.

Elder Hook married Celinda H. Ingersoll, daughter of Cornelius Ingersoll, who was named by an Indian chief and was the first male white child born in Onondaga County, New York. Elder and Mrs. Hook have two children — Eunice and Alice. Eunice C. is the wife of Captain E. F. Gordon, a veteran of the Civil War and brother of the late Rev. Dr. A. J. Gordon, of Boston. Alice married Abner Blodgett, a relative of Judge Blodgett, of this State.

Elder Hook has never meddled with politics, confining himself to the spreading of the gospel. He has never voted for a governor or a President. He is the maker of a healing balm for all kinds of inflammatory diseases. It is for internal and external application. It is in common use in Concord; and the testimonies are many from lawyers, doctors, minis-

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ters, and leading citizens. The balm is said to be particularly valuable in bronchitis, and if used oftener it is thought there would be less necessity of clergymen going to Europe while their flocks suffer at home.

ENOCH COUCH was a prominent farmer of Webster in his time. He was born in Webster, April 12, 1793, son of Joseph and Sarah (Pillsbury) Couch. His grandfather, Joseph Couch (first), who emigrated from Wales in 1748, settled in Newburyport, Mass. In 1768 the grandfather moved to Webster, and there improved the farm now owned and occupied by his great-grand-daughter. He resided here for the rest of his life, and died in 1784. The first of his three marriages was made with Elsie Rowell, the second with Mary Webster, and the third with Mrs. Muzzey. Born of the first were four children — John, Elsie, Benjamin, and Joseph; and of his second, one daughter, Mary.

Joseph Couch, the father of Enoch, was born in Massachusetts, and accompanied his parents to Webster. He succeeded to the possession of the homestead, which he carried on for the rest of his life; and he died February 7, 1821, aged sixty-five years. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, enlisting from Newburyport, Mass. His wife, Sarah, a native of Newburyport, whom he married February 10, 1785, died March 16, 1846, aged seventy-six years. She was the mother of six children, as follows: Enoch (first), born November 23, 1785, who was accidentally killed August 18, 1789; Sally, born August 23, 1787, who married Samuel Little, and died June 5, 1852; Captain Joseph, born May 23, 1789, who died in Nashua, N.H., in 1851; Enoch (second), the subject of this sketch; Phœbe, born July 2, 1798, who married Herschel Green, of Salisbury, N.H., and died September 22, 1854; and Eunice J., born July 4, 1810, who married Peter Coffin, and died December 4, 1888.

Enoch Couch was reared to farm life, and always resided at the homestead. He was an industrious and successful farmer. He improved the fertility of the soil, bringing it to a high state of cultivation. Although a man of much natural ability, he never aspired to political prominence, but preferred instead to enjoy the comforts of home and the society of his family. He was highly esteemed for his many commendable qualities; and his death, which occurred at his home, April 23, 1867, when he was seventy-four years old, caused general regret. He married for his first wife Nancy Eastman, of Salisbury, who died September 26, 1828, aged thirty-two years, leaving no children. For his second wife, on April 2, 1834, Mr. Couch wedded Jane O. Stickney, of Brownfield, Me. Her parents, John and Mary (Evans) Stickney, both of whom were natives of Concord, N.H., moved from that place to Brownfield, Me., where they resided for the rest of their lives. The children of Mr. Couch's second marriage were: Nancy E., born February 12, 1835, who now occupies the homestead; Joseph, born March 22, 1837, who died March 14, 1872; and Mary S., born June 12, 1844. Joseph was for some years engaged in teaching school, and later assisted in carrying on the farm. Mary S. married Orlando Whitney, and died April 17, 1876. She left one son — Herbert C., born November 16, 1867, who is now residing with his aunt. Mrs. Enoch Couch died August 31, 1877. Miss Nancy E. Couch, who now owns the homestead of sixty acres, together with other real estate, is a lady of much ability and worth, and is loved and respected by her many friends and acquaintances.

WILLIAM E. CHADBOURNE, a prominent resident of Cornish, was born here, July 31, 1823. His grandfather, William Chadbourne, who was born in Maine, had six children — Humphrey, Jabez, William, Thomas, Benjamin, and Electa. Humphrey married Abbie Peck, and had three children. Jabez went to Canada, where he married and died. William, who was an extensive farmer in Canada, had a large family. Thomas was a butcher in Salem, Mass., and died there. Electa, now deceased, married Mr. Cross, of Canada.

Benjamin Chadbourne, the father of William E., was born at Moultonboro, N.H., January 28, 1792. He was prominent in town affairs, and was Tax Collector and Deputy Sheriff for a number of years. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Cady, of Cornish, bore him seven children — Curtis, Miranda, William E., Hannah, Gratia, Ruth, and Alfred. Curtis, born September 12, 1819, was educated in the town schools, and afterward became a tailor in Charlestown, N.H. He married Adeline Fogget, and had five children. His death occurred in 1890, on November 26. Miranda, born May 23, 1820, married Alamanda Powers, of Charlestown, this State, a shoe manufacturer, and died January 4, 1889. Hannah, born June 6, 1826, is now Mrs. John Ferguson, and lives in Canada. Ruth, born September 18, 1829, who lives in Somerville, Mass., married Lafayette Smith, of Cornish, a drover, and had four children. Alfred, born February 21, 1832, married Elizabeth Demming, of Cornish, had six children, and died June 26, 1891.

After receiving his education in the public schools, William E. Chadbourne engaged in farming, which has since been his principal occupation. He has never aspired to public office, while he has always taken a prominent part in town affairs and has served as Highway Surveyor. In politics he is a Republican. He married on June 15, 1858, Rosella Stone, of Plainfield, N.H., daughter of Solomon and Betsy (Reed) Stone.

Mr. Chadbourne's children are: Angie L., William Lucius, Gratia S., Emma E., Luther E., and James B. Angie, born October 19, 1862, is now Mrs. Earl Westgate, of Cornish. William L., born February 24, 1865, was married April 21, 1887, to Minnie Wood, and has one child — Daphna W., born July 9, 1888. Gratia, born May 27, 1867, was educated at Windsor, Vt., and is a teacher of fine ability, well known and very popular in Claremont, Cornish, and other places. Emma, born December 1, 1869, was educated at Windsor, and is employed in one of the large mercantile establishments of that town. Luther, born April 8, 1872, who was a pupil of Kimball Academy at Plainfield, joined his father on the farm. James, who was educated at Windsor High School, also assists his father.

Solomon Stone was born in Plainfield, November 6, 1811, and died January 12, 1892. His wife, born in Cornish, June 11, 1813, still lives in Plainfield, enjoying good health and able to do nearly all her own work without assistance. Mr. Chadbourne's mother, Sally Cady, was born in Cornish, August 29, 1790, and died December 16, 1864. Grandfather Cady was the first of the name to come to Cornish. He was born in 1743; and his wife was Hannah Hutchins, born in 1746. Grandfather Cady rode from Connecticut by marked trails. For a riding whip he had a willow stick; and when he alighted from his horse in Cornish he stuck the whip into the ground by his future home, and there has always been a willow-tree there since. When he came here, he brought with him a silver

dollar that he always carried as a pocket piece. At one time he unknowingly sent it with some other silver coins to be made into spoons. On missing it he immediately took means to get it back. The dollar had already been cut, but he had it soldered together again, and it is still preserved in the family as a valuable relic. It bears the date of 1750. Mr. Chadbourne received at his birth from his grandfather Cady a silver dollar bearing the date of 1780.

J. F. MERRILL, M.D., a well-known physician of Franklin Falls, Merrimack County, was born in Gilmanton, N.H., June 5, 1856, son of Jacob D. and Sarah (Sanborn) Merrill. His parents are farming people of Gilmanton. Their six children are all living, and are as follows: Ida, who is the wife of Alonzo Caverly, and resides in Lynn, Mass.; George and Frederick, who are engaged in shoe manufacturing in Lynn, Mass., under the firm name of Merrill Brothers; Charles, who still remains with his parents; Addie, who is the wife of George Blanchard, and a resident of Lynn; and J. F., the subject of this sketch.

After acquiring a fair amount of elementary knowledge in the common schools of Gilmanton, the subject of this sketch completed his general studies under a private tutor. He then studied medicine for about four years with Dr. Young, of Pittsfield, preparatory to entering Dartmouth Medical College, where he attended a course of lectures. He was subsequently graduated at the University of Vermont, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine from that institution, August 19, 1886. After graduating, he bought out the practice of Dr. J. P. Elkins, of New London, N.H., in which town he remained nearly nine years. He came to Franklin Falls in 1894, and has since been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession here. On January 1, 1879, Dr. Merrill married Miss Elma Perkins, of Pittsfield, N.H., a daughter of Samuel R. Perkins; and she bore him a daughter — Edna, born in August, 1880. Mrs. Elma P. Merrill died December 21, 1882. On June 8, 1885, the Doctor married for his second wife Mrs. Abbie Pillsbury Foss, a daughter of John C. Pillsbury, of Strafford, N.H.

Dr. Merrill is a Republican in politics. While a resident of New London, he served three years as a member of the School Board of that town. He is a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society, and also belongs to Suncook Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F. Highly successful in his profession and popular as a man, he may be regarded as a representative citizen of his county. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church at Franklin Falls.

ALFRED FITCH, a prominent farmer of Cornish and a descendant of one of the old families of the town, was born May 12, 1861. The first of the family to settle in Cornish was James Fitch, who came from Connecticut. He was born in 1712, and died October 25, 1805. His son, James, was father of Samuel, who was the great-grandfather of the present Alfred. Hezekiah, a brother of Samuel, and who was born in Cornish in 1746, died September 30, 1830, built the house owned by the Fitch family of to-day. Samuel Fitch was born in Cornish, October 15, 1757. He married Thankful Royce, who bore him eleven children. His son, James, born in Cornish, November 16, 1784, married Bethena Bartlett, of Cornish, who bore him four children. These were: Chester, the father of the subject of this sketch; Maria,

born November 16, 1820; James, born November 1, 1825; and Edwin, born July 21, 1827.

Chester Fitch was born in Cornish, April 23, 1818, and was educated in the town schools and at Windsor, Vt. The Hon. William E. Evarts was one of his teachers. He was a Free Mason, Patron of Husbandry, and a consistent member of the Congregational church. He had great musical ability, and was the organist and a chorister at the church for many years. He married Amy, daughter of John Westgate, of Plainfield. She was born April 13, 1835, and is still living at Claremont, enjoying the best of health. Her six children were: James, Alfred, Willis, Elmer, Jennie, and Frank. James, born April 13, 1859, who is now a farmer, married Almina Demming, and has two children — Chester and Morris. Willis, born September 26, 1864, now a shoe-cutter and living at North Adams, Mass., successively married May Peters and Susan Bryant, both of North Adams. Elmer, born November 16, 1867, now a farmer and milkman, lives at Claremont. Jennie, born August 23, 1871, died July 31, 1873. Frank, born October 8, 1872, died January 15, 1881.

Alfred Fitch received his education in the schools of Cornish. After leaving school, he went to work in a general merchandise store for a short time. He then came to his father's farm, where he has since been engaged in agriculture. He has held a number of town offices, and is known by his fellow-townsmen as a man of unimpeachable integrity and sterling worth. A religious man, like his father, he is a member of the Congregational church.

On March 27, 1884, he married Ida Williams, who was born at Plainfield, January 11, 1863. Her father, Orville B. Williams, a native of Morristown, Vt., was a farmer on an extensive scale; and her mother was a native of Bradford, N.H. Her sisters, Carrie and Nettie, are school-teachers in Windsor. Four children have been born to them — James B., Bernice A., Harold A., and Frank W. Mr. Fitch is a very enterprising farmer, and his estate is one of the few remaining ones that are still in possession of the families who originally owned them. All of the farms of this part of the town have beautiful situations and fine views. Mr. Fitch's place is pleasantly located on Dingleton Hill, and the residence is surrounded with spreading meadow and pasture lands.

RUFUS VIRGIN, a prosperous farmer and well-known citizen of Concord, was born on the Virgin homestead, where he now resides, January 7, 1818, son of Isaac and Susan (Batchelder) Virgin. He is a descendant of Ebenezer Virgin, second, one of the old proprietors of New Hampshire. The Virgin family has been closely identified with the history of Concord since the town was first settled. Jonathan Virgin, grandfather of Rufus, took up new land here, cleared it, and became the owner of a large farm. He died at about sixty years of age. His wife, in maidenhood Sarah Austin, was the mother of four sons and one daughter. Isaac Virgin was brought up to agricultural pursuits, and received his education in the district school. The school-house was a long distance from the farm; but, not discouraged by that, he was a regular attendant as well as a diligent student. When he came into possession of the farm, which he did previous to the War of 1812, he built a substantial set of buildings, which are standing to-day, but little the worse for the ravages of time. He died June 12, 1870,

having been Selectman, Captain in the State militia, and for many years a member of the city government. His wife, Susan, was born March 4, 1790, and died in 1876. She was the mother of four children — Susan C., Eliza J., Rufus, and William H. Susan C. married the Rev. Caleb Fales, a Methodist minister, and died not long after her marriage. Eliza J. became the wife of W. K. Holt, of Loudon, but is now deceased. William died at the age of seventeen.

Rufus Virgin received a public-school education, and also studied at a select private school. He has been a farmer since he was old enough to work, and has always resided at the old home. Notwithstanding the busy life he has led, he has found time to interest himself in town affairs. He was in the City Council in 1864–65, and was sent to the legislature as Representative in 1881. Politically, he is a Democrat, and first voted in 1836. In 1840 he married Mary Ann Stevens (see sketch of Albert Stevens), who was born January 12, 1818. Mr. and Mrs. Virgin have had six children, whose names are respectively: Ellen A., Emma A., Frank P., Esther A., Fred P., and Fales P. The oldest son, Frank, died August 10, 1871, at the age of twenty-three years. The remaining five are married, and Mr. Virgin has quite a number of grandchildren. Mr. Virgin is well known locally as an historian and for the collection of historical facts in his possession. He has a complete record of events that have occurred in Concord and vicinity for over fifty years.

ORA C. DAVIS, an esteemed resident of Plainfield, was born in the town of Hartford, Vt., March 8, 1847. His great-grandfather, Jeremiah, was a native of Sutton, N.H. Jeremiah and his father were the first of the name to settle in the part of Grantham, N.H., now called Plainfield. He was a farmer by occupation, and had a family of nine children. The grandfather, Samuel Davis, also a native of Sutton, born in 1776, married Maria Hadley, daughter of Simeon Hadley, and had a family of nine children. These were: Lucy, Isaac, Samuel, Charles, Martin, Alfred, Louisa, George W., and Alvan. Lucy married Norman Hadley, a farmer of Canaan. Isaac was twice married, the first time to Elsie Tyler, who bore him two children. On the second occasion he married a widow. He was a farmer, and engaged in the meat business at Canaan. Charles, also a farmer of Canaan, married Caroline Miner, and had four children. Martin, who was employed in a mica mine, and was killed by an explosion over thirty years ago, had one son. Alfred, now a wealthy farmer, married Abigail Aldrich, of Concord, and has no children. Louisa married William Aldrich, of Concord, a farmer and active granger, and has one son. George W., a successful farmer of Canaan, N.H., owns the largest farm in that town, is a leading man in the grange, and has represented Canaan in the legislature. He married Emma Kilton, of Grafton, N.H.; and they have four children. Alvan, also a farmer of Canaan, and who is said to raise more fruit than any other man in this section, is Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the town. He married a Miss Richardson, and has seven children living.

Samuel Davis, Jr., the father of Ora C. Davis, was born in Plainfield, February 2, 1822, was educated in the common schools and at Kimball Union Academy. After the close of his school life he began farming, and has been engaged in that occupation ever since. By industry, energy, and strictly honorable dealing in every transaction he has accumu-

lated a fortune sufficient for his needs. He has been Chairman of the Board of Selectmen many times, and he has efficiently served in the capacities of Treasurer and Tax Collector. His political principles are those of the Republican party, which he stanchly supports; and he attends religious services at the Baptist church. He married Martha J. Hersey, who was born September 4, 1824. She was a daughter of Stephen Hersey, a farmer and carpenter of Grantham. The three children of this marriage are: Emma A., Ora C., and Ella M. Emma, born in Hartford, Vt., July 17, 1845, attended the public schools of Plainfield and Kimball Union Academy, and was afterward one of the most successful public-school teachers in this part of the State. She married J. C. Willis, of Milwaukee, a railroad man, who makes two trips weekly from Chicago to Minneapolis. They have no children. Ella, born July 19, 1850, was educated in the schools of the town and at Kimball Union Academy. She also taught school successfully for a number of years before she married Warren B. Richardson, of Canaan. Mr. Richardson, who is well-to-do, has been Town Treasurer and Deputy Sheriff, and is now Police Justice.

Ora C. Davis received his education in the same schools as did his sisters, and, like them, became a teacher. He taught for about twenty winters, being gifted not only with unusual ability to instruct, but with superior tact as a disciplinarian. He keeps a farm, and has done a considerable amount of painting. He has been Chairman of the Republican Town Committee for many years; has been Selectman for five years, being at present Chairman of the Board; and he has also served as Superintendent of Schools.

The second of Mr. Davis's two marriages was contracted with Almie F. Morse, daughter of Charles H. Morse, of Plainfield. By his previous marriage he has two children — Hubert S. and Edna W. Hubert, born in Plainfield, November 9, 1871, who was educated in Kimball Union Academy, and became a farmer, married Mary Woodward, and has two children — Gleason and Clifford. Edna W., born January 2, 1874, is living at Plainfield. In religious belief Mr. Davis is a Baptist. He now holds the office of Deputy Sheriff, and is Justice of the Peace. Prominent in the Masonic fraternity, he is now the Master of his lodge. He is also a member of the local grange.

HON. EDMUND H. BROWN, the subject of this sketch, was born in Fisherville, now Penacook, a part of Concord, N.H., October 29, 1857. He is the youngest son of Henry Hayes and Lucretia (Symonds) Brown, and traces his ancestry directly back to the early Pilgrim settlers. The late Henry H. Brown, father of Edmund H., conducted an extensive manufacturing business in Penacook for many years, and was one of the most enterprising citizens and prominent residents of that village in his day.

Edmund H. Brown was educated at the Penacook Academy and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston. After completing his studies he entered the works of the Concord Axle Company, and, having applied his efforts to a thorough mastery of every branch of these extensive works, fitted himself for the responsible position which he assumed in 1887, that of General Superintendent. He was one of the incorporators of this company, and is a member of the Board of Directors. Aside from his connection with the axle works, he was one of the organizers of and Director in the Penacook Electric Light Company, and was instrumental in giving to his

village the excellent lighting service that it now enjoys.

Early in the spring of 1897 he became associated with Mr. Charles E. Foote in the well-known house of Foote, Brown & Co., having purchased a half-interest from Mr. Stewart I. Brown. This firm carries one of the largest and best selected stocks of general merchandise to be found in the county, enjoys an enviable reputation for honesty and fair dealing, and stands high in its connections in the business world.

Mr. Brown inherited from his father those sterling qualities that go toward making the useful and respected man of affairs, and no member of the community is held in higher esteem by all classes than he.

In politics he has been an earnest supporter of the Republican party from the day he became a voter, and has served the party zealously in his ward organization and upon the State Committee, of which he was a member from 1887 to 1893. As a candidate for the House of Representatives in 1892, he contributed his full share toward successfully redeeming his ward; and as a member of that body he acquired a wide reputation as a well-informed man, and won many friends by his marked social attainments. At the Republican convention in 1894 he received a unanimous nomination for Senator in the Eleventh Senatorial District, and at the subsequent election was handsomely elected as the first Republican from that district. He was a prominent member and earnest worker in that honorable body, and served faithfully the interests of a large constituency.

In religious and educational matters Mr. Brown has always taken an active interest. He joined the First Baptist Church, Penacook, at the age of fifteen, and has become one of its most influential members. He was President of the New Hampshire Baptist State Convention in 1893. He is a Trustee of Colby Academy, New London, and a member of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

Mr. Brown is a thirty-second degree Mason. He is a Past Master of Horace Chase Lodge, No. 72, F. & A. M.; a member of Trinity Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Horace Chase Council, Royal and Select Masters; Mount Horeb Commandery, Knights Templar; and Edward A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua.

On October 11, 1881, Mr. Brown married M. Belle Proctor, daughter of the late well-known Dr. William Proctor, of Pittsfield, N.H. They have had three children; namely, Helen L., Howard H., and William P. The latter died in infancy.

EDGAR A. CHURCHILL, a prominent resident of Cornish, was born in this town, August 29, 1847. His parents were Barker B. Churchill, son of Lewis Churchill and Mary (Angier) Churchill, of Cornish. The latter, who was Barker's first wife, had eight children, of whom Edgar A., Mary E., and Jennie reached maturity. Mary is now Mrs. Lovell B. George, of Newport, and has two children — Jennie and Albert. Jennie Churchill, who married William F. Waite, a pattern maker of Hubbardston, Mass., is now deceased. The father, a carpenter by trade, was in the late war, having enlisted at West Lebanon in the First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery for three years. He had served about thirteen months when the war ended, and he was honorably discharged. Shortly after he contracted a second marriage with Mary (Westgate) Britton, a widow of Plainfield, who bore him one child, Nettie B., now Mrs. Marvin B. Lindsey, of Cornish.

In his boyhood Edgar A. Churchill was

sent to school at Cornish and to Kimball Union Academy at Plainfield. After finishing his education, he taught school for a while, and then learned the trade of a carpenter with his father. In August, 1864, he enlisted for service in the war, with his father, in the First New Hampshire Heavy Artillery. After serving thirteen months, he came home and began work at his trade, carrying on, also, general farming. Mr. Churchill is a loyal member of the Democratic party, and has served his native town in numerous positions in the public service. He has been Highway Surveyor and Measurer of Wood and Lumber, Selectman of the town for the past four years, and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the last two years of that time. Upright and public-spirited, his support is always assured for any measure he believes to be for the general well-being of the community, even though it may conflict with his personal interests. His estate, situated on Davis Hill in the northern part of the town, commands a fine view of the country for miles around. His domestic circle includes a little girl, whom he has benevolently undertaken to rear. He is largely interested in stock-raising and grazing; and he has a large number of pet animals, including canary birds, cats, and dogs, the care of which affords him much pleasure. He is a member of William H. Bryant Post, No. 63. G. A. R., of Cornish, and of the local grange.

For years Mr. Churchill has made his home with Miss Georgiana and Mrs. Henrietta Davis, who are daughters of the late John and Hannah (Brown) Davis. Mr. Davis, born June 11, 1792, died February 20, 1867. His wife, who was born at Epsom, November 13, 1793, died December 27, 1847. Their five children were David, John H., Mary Ann, and the ladies already named. David died in infancy. John H., born March 9, 1820, is now living with his third wife in Illinois. Of his three children two are living. Mary Ann, born September 7, 1821, married James Winn, of Vermont, and died September 20, 1891. Mrs. Henrietta Davis, born January 13, 1824, who married Henry W. Davis, July 5, 1854, had two children, of whom Winfield Scott Davis is living, and resides in Cornish. While serving in the Civil War, her husband was exposed to so much hardship that his health was destroyed; and he died in a few days after reaching home. Miss Georgiana Davis, who was born January 14, 1828, and was educated in the town schools, has always made her home at the old homestead, which was her birthplace. Both she and her sister are very charitable. Their great-grandfather, John Davis, was born in Wales, England. The grandfather, David Davis, was born at Greenland, N.H., December 25, 1758. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and thereafter drew a pension from the government as long as he lived. An earnest Christian, he was a daily reader of the Scriptures. He died at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. As his granddaughters, Mrs. Davis and her sister are qualified to become members of the organization called the "Daughters of the Revolution."

HENRY HARRISON EDWARDS, a watchmaker of acknowledged ability, who is now residing in Allenstown, was born in Laconia, N.H., July 28, 1840, son of Nathaniel and Rachel (Ranlett) Edwards. His grandfather, Ebenezer Edwards, who in his earlier years followed the sea, subsequently learned the hatter's trade, and followed it in Laconia for many years. Another source of income to him was the

teaching of elocution. His upright character and intellectual attainments gained for him a high standing in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen. He died at the age of sixty-eight years. In politics he acted with the Whig party, and he was a Baptist in his religious belief. He wedded Martha Watson, a native of Dover, N.H., who also died at the age of sixty-eight. Of their eleven children David, William, Charles, Eben, Mary, and Pierpont are living.

Nathaniel Edwards, father of Henry H., was born in Plymouth, N.H., December 7, 1813. He learned the shoemaker's trade in New Market, N.H., and followed it for several years in his native town. Later he became assistant superintendent of the Lake Water Company. In politics he was originally a Whig, and later became a Republican. He served as Tax Collector for some time, and was Chief of the Fire Department for a number of years. In his latter years he attended the Baptist church. He died at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, Rachel, who is a native of Gilmanton, N.H., became the mother of three sons — George W., Henry H., and Frank A. George W., now deceased, married for his first wife Miss Lawton, of Pittsfield, Mass., who had no children. His second wife, Ida Mills Edwards, of Williamstown, Mass., now resides in Pittsfield, Mass., with her two children — George W. and Blanche. Frank A. married Nellie Tilletson, of Whitefield, N.H., and his children are: Frank, Nathaniel H., Louise, and Jessie. Mrs. Nathaniel Edwards, now eighty-four years old, is residing with her son in Laconia.

Henry Harrison Edwards was educated in the public schools of his native town. Subsequently he learned the watchmaker's trade in Laconia, and followed it there as a journeyman for four years. Off and on for several years he was employed at the Waltham Watch Factory; and he has also worked in St. Johnsbury, Vt., Pittsfield, Worcester, and Haverhill, Mass. His last engagement with the Waltham Company extended over a period of twenty years, ending in 1892, at which time he came to Allenstown.

On September 13, 1877, Mr. Edwards was united in marriage with Helen P. Otterson, daughter of Thomas James and Phœbe P. S. (Bryant) Otterson, late of Allenstown. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have had one daughter, Pauline L., now deceased. Politically, Mr. Edwards is a Republican. Both he and Mrs. Edwards are liberal in their religious views.

THOMAS J. OTTERSON, formerly a well-known business man of Allenstown, was born in Hookset, N.H., February 8, 1818, son of William and Betsey (Cofran) Otterson. On the paternal side he descended from William Otterson, a native of Ireland, who was drowned in Lake Champlain during the French and Indian War. William's son, James Otterson, grandfather of Thomas J., was born in Londonderry, N.H., August 19, 1757. He was the father of twelve children, of whom William (second), father of Thomas J., was the third child. The father, who was born in Hookset, October 30, 1789, reared a family of five children, of whom Thomas J. was the eldest.

Reared and educated in Hookset, Thomas James Otterson was engaged in mercantile pursuits in his native town until 1861. Then he moved to Allenstown, and entered the lumber business. He was very successful financially, was prominent in public affairs, and served as Treasurer and Collector in Allenstown for a number of years. Highly respected for his upright character and other estimable

qualities in life, his death on January 28, 1893, when he was seventy-five years old, was regretted by all who knew him. He left a good estate.

Mr. Otterson married Phœbe P. S. Bryant, daughter of Nathan and Delight (Nichols) Bryant. Their only child, Helen P., is now Mrs. Henry H. Edwards, of Allenstown. Mrs. Otterson died at the age of sixty-seven years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Otterson attended the Universalist church.

JAMES MADISON JONES, the popular and efficient station agent of the Concord & Montreal Railroad at Concord, was born at Deerfield, N.H., April 26, 1833, son of James and Hannah L. (Marston) Jones. Jacob Jones, his grandfather, a native of Pittsfield, N.H., kept a successful clock and gunsmith shop in his native town for many years. He had a high local reputation as a mechanic, and he lived to a good old age.

James Jones, who was born in Pittsfield, N.H., inherited his father's mechanical talent. He took up and continued the paternal business of making and repairing clocks and executing gunsmith work, adding thereto that of a blacksmith. In the latter half of his life he removed to Concord, where he entered the employ of Abiel Chandler, the clock-maker, and soon established for himself a great local reputation in that city for skill in his line of business. He could repair any sort of machine or mechanical instrument. His useful life closed in Concord, at the age of seventy-eight years. He married Hannah L. Marston, of Pittsfield. Their family consisted of the following children: James Madison, the subject of this sketch; Thomas A., who went to Chicago, Ill., and was appointed paymaster on the Chicago & North-western Railroad; Charles E., who is an engineer on the Boston & Maine Railroad; George A., who enlisted for service in the Civil War, first at Portsmouth in the First New Hampshire Regiment of Volunteers, and subsequently for three years in Company E of the Second New Hampshire Regiment, and who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg in 1863; Frank and Eddie, twins, of whom Frank died aged two years and Eddie aged twelve years; and Addie, who died at the age of nine years.

After receiving his education in the district schools of Concord, James Madison Jones first went to work in hotels. After that he took up stage driving as a means of livelihood, and for a number of years continued in that business, running stages to and fro between various New Hampshire towns. He first drove a stage from Hillsborough to Bradford Springs, then from East Andover to West Springfield, then the daily stage between Springfield and New London, then from Manchester to Hillsborough, and after that to Concord. At the time of the building of the Sixth Avenue Railroad in New York City he went twice to New York with a shipment of horses, remaining in that city on each occasion for about six months. On July 1, 1852, he entered the employ of the Old Concord Railroad, and worked as brakeman and baggage-master between Concord and Boston for about eight years. Then he was promoted to the post of conductor, in which capacity he served the corporation on various trains running from Concord, Nashua, Portsmouth, Boston, and return, for another period of eight years. In 1869 he was appointed to the important and responsible position of station and baggage agent, and the superintendence of trains and trainmen at Concord. Upon the consolidation of the Concord and Montreal roads he was continued in the same capacity, being too valuable

and well-trained a man for the corporation to lose. In November, 1885, the new and commodious station erected by the railroad authorities was ready for use; and Mr. Jones was put in charge of the same, to the satisfaction of the travellers passing through the place.

Mr. Jones married Jane Maria Swan, and has two children. These are: Fred C., who has been a conductor on the Concord, Boston & Maine Railroad for about twenty years; and Jennie, who married George B. Wright, of Bradford, and is the mother of two children — Dorothy and James Jones Wright. A second marriage was contracted by Mr. Jones with Harriet M. Merrill. In politics he is a Democrat, and his first Presidential vote was cast for James Buchanan in 1856. He is an attendant at the Congregational church in Concord. He has been a member of the St. John Lodge of Free Masons of Portsmouth since the year 1861, and he also belongs to the White Mountain Lodge of Odd Fellows of Concord.

FRANK H. CHAPMAN, a leading druggist of Franklin Falls, was born in Lowell, Mass., May 29, 1848, son of Eben L. Chapman, of New Market, N.H. The father, who was born in 1807, removed to Lawrence, Mass., and was there a successful grocer for forty-one years, retiring from active business in 1860. He married for his first wife a Towle, of New Market, who died leaving no children. For his second wife he married Mrs. Martha J. Hilton Hanscomb, and their children were: Frank H., the subject of this sketch; and Charles, who died at the age of six years.

Frank H. Chapman received his education in the common and high schools of Lawrence, Mass. In 1864 he entered the employ of H. M. Whitney, a druggist, to learn the business, remaining there for five years. Afterward, in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was employed in the store of Emil Heydenreich & Co. for three years. In 1875 he came to Franklin Falls, and purchased the drug store of E. H. Sturtevant, whom he succeeded in the business, continuing alone until 1893, when he sold one-half interest to Charles Eddy. The store is now carried on under the style of F. H. Chapman & Co. They have a full line of drugs, medicines, etc., and have succeeded in building up a large and successful business. Mr. Chapman now leaves the entire charge of the store to his partner, Mr. Eddy. He is also connected with the well-known wholesale druggists, Rust & Richardson, of Hanover Street, Boston, Mass. At one time he was the President of the New Hampshire Pharmaceutical Association.

In August, 1872, Mr. Chapman was united in marriage with Ella F. James, of Lawrence, Mass., daughter of T. W. James, a machinist residing in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are the parents of five children, namely: Lucy B., born in June, 1873, who is now the wife of John Proctor, of Franklin Falls; Eben L., born in August, 1876, now attending the Institute of Technology in Boston, Mass.; Frank W., born in August, 1877, a student at Dartmouth College; Charles E., born in June, 1878, who attends Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass.; and John H., born in March, 1883, now at home with his parents. Mr. Chapman was the legislative Representative of his district in 1893. He has also been Town Clerk for several years. In politics he is a stanch Republican. In Masonry he has taken the thirty-second degree, having membership in the Blue Lodge and in the F. A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua, N.H. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows, Red Men, Knights of Honor, and Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Chapman is one of Franklin Falls' most highly esteemed citizens, and has been eminently successful throughout his life. His home is one of the finest residences in Franklin Falls, and he has surrounded his family with many of the luxuries of life.

MOSES H. FARNUM, a prominent resident of Concord, was born in Concord, February 3, 1811, son of Moses and Esther (Carter) Farnum. The family is of Welsh origin. Ralph Farnum, the first of the name in this country, came from Wales and settled in Andover, Mass. He subsequently removed to Concord, N. H.; and his descendants have continued to hold and occupy his original land purchase in that town up to the present time. Ephraim Farnum, son of Ralph and the great-grandfather of Moses H., born on the paternal estate, resided thereon throughout his life. His son, also named Ephraim, was born on the same estate, passed his life in its cultivation and improvement, and died at the age of ninety-four years. The maiden name of Grandfather Farnum's wife was Judith Hall.

Moses Farnum, son of Ephraim and the father of the subject of this sketch, was also born on the paternal estate, and passed his life there as a farmer. A portion of his house is still standing. He served his town as Selectman for a time, and he attained the age of seventy-one years. The second of his two marriages was contracted with Esther Carter, a sister of his first wife. He reared a family of six children.

Moses H. Farnum received his education partly in the district schools and partly in a private school of Concord. He has passed his long life on his patrimonial estate, devoting his time and attention to its improvement. Reduced by subdivision, the property now contains one hundred acres. In 1870 he erected on it a fine set of new buildings. Prior to the incorporation of Concord as a city Mr. Farnum served it as Selectman for a number of years. Afterward he was several times elected by his townsmen to represent them in the city government. He also held the office of Assessor of Taxes in his ward for a number of years. In 1883 he was elected to the New Hampshire legislature.

Mr. Farnum has been twice married. By his first wife, Judith A. Kilburn Farnum, his children were: Frank B., residing in Concord, who married Sadie Brown, of Boscawen, and has two children; Anna L., who married Charles Farnum, and resides in the neighborhood; and Edward E., who married Mary Larthard of P.E. Island, has one child, Judith H., and lives on the homestead. For his second wife he married Ann Hale, the widow of Asa L. Pervier, and a daughter of Isaac and Betsy (Pearson) Hale. Born of this marriage is one son — Ralph Perley Farnum, who lives at home.

In politics Mr. Farnum is a Republican. He cast his first Presidential ballot for Martin Van Buren in 1836. Both he and Mrs. Farnum are members of the West Congregational Church of Concord. He has the satisfaction of looking back over an unusually well-spent and useful life, and that brought by the confidence and respect of all who know him.

DANIEL F. WYMAN, a successful lumber dealer of Henniker and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in the southern part of this town, November 29, 1826. His maternal ancestors were early settlers in New Hampshire. Moses Harriman, his great-grand-

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father, was born in Plaistow in 1736. His grandparents, Eldad and Lydia (White) Harriman, who were industrious farming people, lived to be eighty-four years old. Daniel resided with his grandparents until he was sixteen or seventeen years old. Then he learned daguerreotyping; and, after following it for a time, he sold out his apparatus and became a clerk for James Peverly in Concord. A year later he was employed in the same capacity in Henniker. Subsequently Mr. Wyman visited Ohio for the purpose of seeing the country. In 1849 he formed a partnership with Jonas Wallace, the father of Judge Robert M. Wallace, of Milford, and for some years was engaged in a general mercantile business in Henniker. He then returned to the farm for the purpose of managing the property and caring for his aged grandparents and mother. After the death of the former he settled the estate. He then took up his residence in Henniker village, bought timber lands, and established himself in the lumber business, which he has since successfully followed. He erected houses in Henniker and Manchester with lumber which he cut and sawed. He has invested to a considerable extent in city property in Los Angeles, Cal., which he visited eight years ago, spending several months in sight-seeing upon the Pacific slope. He spent the winter of 1875 and 1876 in Florida. In politics he is a Republican. He has been quite active in local affairs. He has served as Supervisor; and he represented this town in the legislature of 1883, serving upon the Insurance Committee.

In 1853 Mr. Wyman first joined in marriage with Mary E. Coggswell, who died in 1879. She was a daughter of George W. Coggswell, Henniker. Mr. Wyman contracted a second marriage on January 10, 1882, with Harriet Strobridge, who was born in Meriden village, town of Plainfield, Sullivan County, N.H., daughter of Oliver B. and Lucinda (Spaulding) Strobridge. Her father died when she was ten years old. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Wyman was a milliner in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and in Manchester, N.H. Her mother, Mrs. Strobridge, resides with her. Mr. Wyman is a member of Crescent Lodge and Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been quite active in the affairs of the lodge, and was at one time a member of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

CYRUS E. BAKER, M.D., of Claremont, Sullivan County, N.H., the well-known physician and oculist, was born in Plainfield, this State, April 9, 1835, son of Dimic and Hannah (Colby) Baker. He is of the eighth generation in descent from Jeffrey Baker, who came from England, and was one of the original settlers of Windsor, Conn.

Jeffrey Baker married November 25, 1642, Joan Rockwell. They had five children, one of them being a son, Joseph, born June 18, 1655, who married Hannah Cook Buckland, January 30, 1677. Five children were the fruit of this union. Joseph Baker's son, Joseph, Jr., born April 13, 1678, was married on July 8, 1702, to Hannah Pomroy, by whom he had Joseph, Jr., second, and Samuel; and by his second wife, Abigail Bissel, he had John, Hannah, Jacob, Abigail, Ebenezer, Daniel, Heman, Titus, and Abigail. Joseph, Jr., second, died January 29, 1754; his wife, Abigail, died February 13, 1768. Their son, Heman, the next in this line, was born April 27, 1719. He married Lois Gilbert, November 24, 1747, and had the following children: Heman, Jr., who was a soldier

during the Revolutionary War, was taken prisoner, and died three months after his discharge; Anna; Deborah; John; Oliver, who became a doctor of medicine; Abigail; Lois; Delight; and Lydia. Oliver Baker, son of Heman, was born at Tolland, Conn., October 5, 1755, and died October 3, 1811. He married Dorcas Dimic, March 23, 1780. She was born September 23, 1760, and died October 3, 1849. Their children were: Heman; Diantha; Zinia and Lina, who were twins; Oliver, Jr.; Semantha; Dimic; Dorcas; Lodema; Elizabeth; and Mary. Heman died March 16, 1845. Lina died August 27, 1808. Dorcas died July 26, 1825. Semantha died August 1, 1826.

Dimic Baker, son of Oliver Baker, M.D., was born March 18, 1793, in Plainfield, N.H., where he lived until his death, which occurred March 19, 1876. He was a prosperous farmer and wool producer, a shrewd buyer and seller, and one of the strongest and most prominent men of the town. He married June 2, 1822, Hannah Colby, who was born February 7, 1794, and died March 17, 1856. It had been his noble aim to leave his children the legacy of a good education. The children were five in number, as follows: Elias, who died November 11, 1884; Edward D., who was an able lawyer, as shown by a brief memoir on another page; Hannah A.; Helen F.; and Cyrus E., the direct subject of the present sketch.

At the age of eighteen Cyrus E. Baker, although not a college graduate, began teaching school, being called from Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H., while taking his Latin course. He followed this occupation during the winter, and in the spring returned to the academy to complete the course. On reaching his majority, and having received a fair education, he learned of the sale by the United States government of the "Delaware Trust Lands" in the West, which were then open for pre-emption, and started in the spring of 1857 for "bleeding Kansas," so called, to become a squatter and purchaser of a portion of said lands, where for months he witnessed all the horrors of the Southern system of human bondage and their enmity to the Union cause, taking his chances among them as a Union man, standing for the personal protection of James Lane and John Brown's sons, and the cause they espoused, their father having been killed a few months before for his Union principles.

Locating among the wilds of Kansas, some eight miles north of what is now the city of Topeka, he stayed there about six months; and then, having secured his lands, he returned to his home in New Hampshire, with the fullest convictions of the injustice of human slavery and Southern rule. He afterward attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, where he was graduated in 1862, ranking high in his class. He seemed to have inherited an aptitude for his profession, there having been in his family several eminent physicians. While an undergraduate, he was for a time usher to the noted Dr. Alonzo Clark, one of the professors at the college, with whom he was a favorite.

After receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine, Dr. Baker was for several months house physician in the New York City Hospital, receiving within that time two promotions, and finally becoming "acting house physician" there. He left this fine position to enter the army, enlisting as acting assistant surgeon in the United States Army, and serving with efficiency in the Departments of Virginia and North Carolina, having taken this step from the purest motives of duty and of loyalty to his country, which spirit had been character-

istic of his ancestors. During his service in the army he stood by the operating-table upon the field of action; and he also treated cases of small-pox and fevers and other diseases among the colored as well as the white troops. He was once ordered to establish a small-pox hospital, which was placed in his charge. Always doing his best work, in all cases he used his theoretical as well as his practical knowledge, and became an exceptionally efficient and valuable physician, always willing and loyal, never murmuring at ove work and extra hours. The intimate knowledge of small-pox thus acquired came to his aid in after years, when in 1895 this dreaded disease gained an entrance into the town of Claremont. The physicians of the town were baffled; and it was not until Dr. Baker was consulted, and he consented to take charge, that the epidemic was stopped. Many a home is grateful to him for his skilled treatment of this disease. He was equally successful in cases of typhoid fever.

In August, 1862, while marching with McClellan from Harris's Landing to Fortress Monroe, the Doctor received a severe sunstroke, from the effects of which he has never fully recovered. Though he did not at once leave the army, his health was so seriously impaired that he was finally honorably discharged; and he returned to Claremont, where he took up his practice, and where he has been established ever since the war. He now receives a pension from the government. He is justly proud of his war record; and, undoubtedly, no physician or soldier served his country more faithfully than did Dr. Cyrus E. Baker. In later years, owing to the fact of continued ill health, he has made a specialty of the study of the eye, and has accomplished more in this direction than has any other physician in Claremont. Since the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic at Claremont he has been surgeon of the fraternity. He was for some time a member of the Sullivan Commandery of Masons; but, owing to the illness and deafness which were the result of the sunstroke received in the army, he was obliged to resign from both societies. He is a member of the Congregational church, and in politics he is a Republican.

Dr. Baker has twice married. By his first wife, Martha Jane Preston, of Weathersfield, Vt., he had one daughter, Alice, who died at the age of fourteen years. The Doctor and his second wife, Elizabeth Ann Erskine, daughter of Hiram Erskine, of Claremont, have had four children, namely: Georgietta, who was graduated at the Stevens High School, and died at the age of twenty years; Edgar H. and Eugene A., twins, who died in infancy; and Walter E., their only living child, who is now attending the Stevens High School.

GEORGE H. BARTLETT, a prosperous manufacturer of Sunapee, was born in that town, September 28, 1841, son of John and Sarah (Sanborn) Bartlett, natives respectively of Deering and Springfield, N.H. He belongs to an old family. One of his ancestors was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. John Bartlett, his grandfather, was a farmer in Deering, and died at a good old age. John's son, also named John, was a pioneer of Sunapee. This John came here on horseback, and took up new and almost wild land. The remainder of his life was spent in Sunapee, where he left the reputation of an energetic man. He lived to the ripe age of eighty-three years, and his wife lived to be eighty-two. They were both supporters of the Meth-

odist Episcopal church, and in politics he was a Democrat. Of their eight children five are living. One is John Bartlett, the present Representative to Concord from the town of Sunapee. General Charles H. Bartlett, of Manchester, N.H., is another.

George H. Bartlett passed his boyhood in his native place, receiving the education afforded by the common schools, supplemented by a course at New London Academy. His first experience in business was obtained in a sash and blind factory in Manchester, and he was a box-maker there for some time. Later on he returned to Sunapee, and engaged in his present business — the manufacture of hames. He and Mr. W. H. H. Cowles established the industry there in 1865, and it was started on a small scale compared with its extent at the present time. At first they made the Concord hame. They continued in business till 1882, when Mr. Cowles sold his interest to Irving G. Rowell, who is now in business with Mr. Bartlett at Sunapee in the same concern. The firm name was Bartlett & Rowell until January, 1896, when the firm was again enlarged, and incorporated under the name of the Consolidated Hame Company. This latter company has the largest hame plant in the United States to-day, and is at present composed of the two firms of Bartlett & Rowell, of Sunapee, and Baker, Carr & Co., of Andover, N.H. They employ about sixty hands at each factory, and generally run for the greater part of the year. The original factory at Sunapee was destroyed by fire in January, 1893. It was immediately rebuilt on a much larger and improved plan. There is now a very good set of new, neat frame buildings and excellent water-power drawn from the Sugar River. To this the firm has added a brass foundry. At present they manufacture the common wood hame, also a fancy hame and an iron one. The factory in Andover, N.H., while made up of older buildings, is about the same in the other details.

Mr. Bartlett has always been actively interested in the affairs of his native town. From 1888 to 1892 he was Treasurer of Sullivan County. He is now a member of the Sunapee School Board, and he held the office of Sergeant-at-arms in the State Senate in the year 1880–81. He has been quite active in political matters, and is a stanch Republican. His religious belief is the Methodist Episcopal creed, and for the past sixteen years he has been the superintendent of the Sunday-school connected with the local society. He is rightly classed among the leading men of his town, and has been largely instrumental in the upbuilding of the Consolidated Hame Company in Sunapee. He is a man of courteous, affable address, and stands very high in the estimation of his townspeople. Mr. Bartlett was married in 1864 to Sarah A. Cowles, of Claremont, N.H. They have two children — Ernest P. and Mary I.

DAVID SARGENT, a well-known farmer and cattle dealer of Dunbarton, Merrimack County, N.H., was born in this town in 1833, son of Eliphalet R. and Lydia (Wells) Sargent. His paternal grandfather, Thomas, was a native of Goffstown, N.H., in which place, also, he died. He was a farmer by occupation.

Eliphalet R. Sargent was born in Goffstown, Hillsborough County, N.H. He acquired a common-school education in his native town, after which he engaged in farming during the rest of his active life. In politics he was a Republican; and he served as Selectman and as Representative to the legislature two years, besides filling other

offices. He and his wife, Lydia Wells Sargent, reared nine children. Mr. Sargent died at the age of eighty-two years.

David Sargent, who was the next to the youngest of his parents' four sons, was educated in the schools of Dunbarton and Derry, N.H. He then went to work on the farm, where he still remains. His enterprising spirit has led him to engage in the manufacture of lumber, and he has also dealt extensively in cattle. Some time ago he made a tour through the West, visiting Salt Lake City and many other important places, including some in California. Mr. Sargent married Mary Ann, daughter of John and Mehitable (Smith) Woodburn, of Londonderry, N.H.; and they have reared five children, namely: Fred D. Sargent, born February 5, 1858; Mary Lizzie, born February 13, 1860; John W., born September 6, 1867; Frank H., born April 12, 1873; and Nat A., born September 15, 1878. Mrs. Sargent's father was an uncle of Horace Greeley. Mr. Sargent is a Republican in politics.

GEORGE COOK, M.D., a prominent physician of Concord, was born at Dover, this State, November 16, 1848, son of Solomon and Susan Ann (Hayes) Cook. His early education was obtained in the Concord High School and in Franklin Academy. In 1865 he began to read medicine with Drs. Charles P. Gage and Granville P. Conn, of Concord. Also he attended a course of lectures on medicine at Burlington, Vt., and two courses at the School of Medicine of Dartmouth College. After graduating from the last-named school in 1869, he immediately began the practice of his profession in Henniker, N.H., where he remained for a year. During the next five years, from 1870 to 1875, he was at Hillsborough, this State, and while there won for himself wide recognition as an able and skilful practitioner. In 1872 he had charge of seventeen cases of small-pox. He was made Superintendent of Schools at Hillsborough in 1874. In May of the following year he came to Concord, where he has since resided.

Dr. Cook is a member of the Centre District Medical Society, and in 1882 was its president. He is also a member of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, of the American Medical Association, and of the New Hampshire State Medical Society. In 1890 he was senior delegate of the last-named society to Dartmouth College, and delivered an address before the graduating class on "The Physician as an Educator." During the small-pox epidemic in Montreal in 1885 Dr. Cook was appointed Inspector for the State Board of Health of New Hampshire. He had charge of the small-pox epidemic in May and June, 1895, when he was engaged for six weeks, attending twenty-six cases. He was a member of the City Board of Health from 1878 to 1884, from 1889 to 1893 he was examining surgeon for pensions, while at present he is surgeon to the Margaret Pillsbury General Hospital and physician to the Odd Fellows Home in Concord. He is also president of the New Hampshire Association of Boards of Health, and president of the State Board of Medical Examiners, representing the New Hampshire Medical Society under the medical registration law.

In politics Dr. Cook is a Republican; and he was sent as Representative to the State legislature in 1883–84, serving during his term as chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs. In 1879 he was commissioned Assistant Surgeon of the New Hampshire National Guard. In 1882 he was promoted to the post of Surgeon. Two years later he

was made Medical Director, and in 1893 and 1894 was Surgeon-general.

Dr. Cook has given especial attention to the treatment and prevention of small-pox and to the questions which confront the army physician. He is the author of a paper entitled "Small-pox," published in the Transactions of the New Hampshire Medical Society in 1873, and of another, "Hygiene of the Camp," General Orders, Adjutant-general's office, 1884. Fraternally, he is a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 70, F. & A. M.; of Valley Lodge, No. 43, I. O. O. F., of Hillsborough; of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and of the Sons of Veterans Camp, Thomas Leaver, No. 4, of Concord.

TIMOTHY B. ROSSITER, one of the wealthiest men in Claremont, was born there, September 18, 1807, son of Sherman and Olive (Baldwin) Rossiter. Sir Edward Rossiter, the founder of the family, with his son and son's wife, Dr. and Mrs. Bray Rossiter, embarked from Plymouth, England, on the ship "Mary and John," March 20, 1630, and arrived at Nantasket, Mass., May 30, 1630. They began a settlement at Mattapan, and in the spring of 1636 removed to Windsor, Conn. Sir Edward Rossiter, who was chosen in London in 1629 to serve as an assistant to Governor Winthrop, died soon after his arrival in the colonies. Dr. Bray Rossiter, his son, removed in 1650 to Guilford, Conn., where he became a planter, and purchased in 1651 the Desbourough estate. Dr. Rossiter died September 30, 1672, leaving ten children. Josiah Rossiter, a son of the Doctor, born at Windsor, removed with his father to Guilford. For ten years, between the years 1700 and 1711, he was Assistant Governor in the colony of Connecticut, and for some years Recorder and Justice of the Peace. He had seventeen children. His death occurred January 31, 1716. Theophilus, his son, born February 12, 1696, married Abigail Pierson, November 18, 1725, became the father of fourteen children, and died April 9, 1770. His son, Captain William, who was born February 11, 1740, married Submit Chittenden, February 18, 1768, and died December 28, 1820, leaving eleven children.

Sherman Rossiter, the father of Timothy B. Rossiter, born April 20, 1775, leaving Guilford, Conn., came up the Connecticut River to Claremont when that section was nearly all wilderness. He was one of the first settlers of the eastern part of the town. His death occurred in his sixty-fourth year. His wife, Olive, who was a daughter of Timothy Baldwin, of Guilford, had eight children — William, Pomeroy M., Luzern S., Stephen F., Chittenden, Lorett, Submit, and Timothy B. William was a merchant of Claremont. When but twenty-four years of age he engaged in business. He was Selectman a number of years and a Representative to the General Court. He died February 29, 1860, leaving three children — Sarah, Adelaide, and Albert. Pomeroy M., deceased, married Elizabeth Tucker, who bore him one child. Luzern S. married Elizabeth Dart, who bore him four children. Stephen F. married Maria A. Marshall, and had four children. Figuring prominently in local politics, he has been Selectman, Representative, County Commissioner, and Tax Collector. In January, 1897, he was appointed President of the Claremont National Bank. Chittenden, also deceased, married Charlotte Converse, and left four children. Lorett, deceased, married William Tutherly, and had three children. Her husband has held various offices in the town gov-

ernment. Submit, deceased, married Edmund Wheeler, of Newport, N.H., a prominent citizen of the place, and had one child.

Timothy B. received a common-school education. After his marriage he settled in Newport, N.H., where he devoted himself successfully to agriculture for twenty-two years. On April 1, 1858, he removed to Claremont, and bought the farm of Nathaniel Goss. He then began farming on a large scale, and by his industry, frugality, and scientific methods of work has steadily prospered, accumulating a handsome property, becoming virtually a private banker. He is considered one of the wealthiest men in the town. When celebrating his golden wedding in 1886, he received the heartiest congratulations from friends and neighbors.

In May, 1836, he married Elvira Dustin, who was born December 14, 1809, daughter of Moody Dustin. Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter are in excellent health to-day, and he still attends to his duties about the farm. They are members of the Congregational church. They had two sons and one daughter. George, one of the sons, married Caroline Gleason, of Plainfield, N.H., and had three children — Charles, Edward, and Robert. The second child, named Edward, died in December, 1879. Ellen, the third child, died at the age of four and one-half year.

BENJAMIN LYMAN CULVER, late a retired resident of Pembroke, Merrimack County, N.H., who died December 6, 1896, was born in Norwich, Vt., August 10, 1830, son of the Rev. Lyman and Fanny (Hovey) Culver. The Culver family is of French origin, and is said to have been founded in America by Benjamin L. Culver's great-grandfather, John Culver, who, it is thought, emigrated from Paris, France. He settled in Connecticut, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for the rest of his life.

His son, James Culver, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Connecticut; and in early life he settled in Vermont. He served in the French and Indian War. The active period of his life was spent in tilling the soil. He married; and he and his wife, who both lived to a good old age, reared a family of eight children. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and noted for their religious zeal. Two of their sons became ministers, and the Rev. David Culver preached in Pembroke in 1824.

Lyman Culver, Benjamin L. Culver's father, was born in Willington, Conn.; and at the age of seven years he accompanied his parents to Norwich, Vt. His boyhood and youth were passed upon a farm, and his leisure hours were devoted to study. He was practically a self-educated man; and at the age of twenty-two, having fitted himself for the ministry, he became a Methodist preacher. Two years later he espoused the Calvinist Baptist faith, which he earnestly adhered to for the rest of his life; and he preached in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts for fifty years. He was one of the most estimable and devout Baptist clergymen of his day, and was sincerely loved by a large number of friends and acquaintances in different parts of New England. The Rev. Lyman Culver died in Harrisville, now Chesham, N.H., at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, formerly Fanny Hovey, was a daughter of Edmund Hovey, of Craftsbury, Vt. She became the mother of eleven children, two of whom are now living, namely: Betsey Hovey, who married Zophar Willard, of Harrisville, N.H., and whose only daughter, Addie E., is the wife of Frank S. Harris,

of Troy, N.H.; and Sarepta S., who married Charles J. Smith, of Chesham, N.H., and has three children — Herman P., Flora A., and Charles M. A daughter named Caroline Arvilla, who died a few weeks ago, in June, 1897, was the wife of John H. Emmons, of Danbury, N.H., and had two children — Carrie F. and Retta E. Another daughter, Fannie Bell, is also deceased; and a son Levi died on his plantation at Taylor, Tex. The mother, Mrs. Fanny H. Culver, died at the age of seventy-six years.

Benjamin Lyman Culver was educated in the public schools in his native State, attending both common and high schools, and resided with his parents until he was sixteen years old. He then went to Boston; and, after living in that city two years, he went to Manchester, N.H., where he learned the art of photography. He applied himself thereafter to his calling in various parts of New England, till in 1865 he settled in Pembroke, where he conducted the business of a photographic studio some sixteen years. He finally relinquished photography, which he had followed successfully for thirty years; and for two years he was here engaged in the millinery and fancy-goods trade. Having acquired sufficient means with which to pass the rest of his life in rest and recreation, he in 1882 retired from active business pursuits, and spent his time leisurely at his pleasant home in the village of Suncook until his decease at the date above mentioned.

On January 24, 1856, Mr. Culver was united in marriage with Miranda G. Knowlton, daughter of Ariel P. and Abigail (Lee) Knowlton. Her father was a native of Hopkinton, N.H.; and her mother was born in Manchester, Mass. Mrs. Culver is of English ancestry; and her paternal grandparents were Daniel H. and Mary (Stocker) Knowlton, of Hopkinton. Daniel H. Knowlton was a blacksmith and a farmer. He supported the Whig party in politics, and in his religious views was a Congregationalist. He lived to be seventy-one years old, and his wife to be over seventy. Mrs. Culver's mother was a daughter of Amos Lee, and a grand-daughter of Edward Lee, of Manchester, Mass., a seafaring man, who for many years was engaged in foreign trade. He was noted for his piety and religious zeal. He died at the age of over seventy years. Ariel P. Knowlton, Mrs. Culver's father, was a boot and shoe manufacturer of Hopkinton. He was originally a Whig, but later a Republican, and was very conservative in his political views. He was deeply interested in educational matters, and served upon the School Committee for many years. He died at the age of seventy-one years, and his wife lived to be seventy-five. They were members of the Congregational church.

No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Culver. Mr. Culver always supported the Republican party, but took no active part in political affairs beyond casting his vote. He was connected with the Masonic fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Culver was highly respected by his fellow-citizens. His life was an extremely busy one, and he died lamented by all. Mrs. Culver is a member of the Congregational church.

FREDERICK MYRON COLBY, of Warner, as well as all the Colbys of America, is descended from Anthony Colby, one of the Puritan colonists of Boston in 1630, who subsequently settled in Amesbury, Mass., where the house he dwelt in still stands. The second son of his father, Anthony was a lineal descendant of Sir Robert de Colebi, one of King John's knights in

1199. The family seat was in the County of Norfolk, England. In early times the name was variously spelled Colby, Colebi, Coleby, Colebey, Colebei, Chaulby, Colbye, and Colebeye. The name of two English towns, as well as that of descendants of the family living in their vicinity, is Coleby; but the family estate in Swardest is called Colby Manor. A Danish form is Koldby. The Colby arms are "argent, a chevron engraved between three scallops, sable, the crest a plumed helm and an arm grasping a naked sword. The motto, 'Vincit amor patriæ.'" Anthony Colby, the American settler, had five sons and three daughters. From Thomas Colby, his fourth son, the line of descent was continued through Jacob, Valentine, Levi, Valentine, and Levi O. to Frederick Myron Colby. The following account of Mr. Colby is taken from the *Twentieth Century Review* for April, 1890: —

"Frederick Myron Colby, the historical romancer and novelist and the most versatile writer in the Granite State, was born in Warner, N.H., December 9, 1848. He was the son of Levi O. and Mary (Durelle) Colby. His early education was obtained in the schools of his native town and of Concord. He never attended college, but his knowledge is extensive and sound. He is a good French and Latin scholar, has a wide acquaintance with English literature, and is familiar with all the old chronicles and sagas.

"Mr. Colby's early life was passed on a farm. He has always been a hard worker with brain and muscle, and has a physique abundantly able to sustain much fatigue. For a number of years he was a successful school teacher in Merrimack County. He had written considerably for the local press when, in 1872, a novel of his, 'The Pioneers of Kentucky,' was published by R. M. DeWitt, of New York. This successful venture was followed by other attempts in the same channel. The winter of 1875–76 he spent in Washington, D.C., as the correspondent of Boston and New Hampshire papers; while several historical articles from his pen, of local interest, were written at the capital for some of the leading publications of the country. Mr. Colby may be regarded as a voluminous writer, having had published some thirty serial stories in various periodicals, quite a number of bound books, and over three hundred poems, besides numberless sketches and stories. His most meritorious work, from a purely literary standpoint, was a novel printed by the Methodist Book Concern, New York, in 1886, entitled 'The Daughter of Pharaoh,' which has had a large sale. Another book, a juvenile for boys and girls, entitled 'Brave Lads and Bonnie Lasses,' was recently issued by the same house. He is at present engaged on a novel describing Oriental life in the days of Ahab and Jezebel, and he has also nearly ready a story of adventure for boys.

"As a townsman Mr. Colby is a valuable citizen; and socially he is much of a favorite, though somewhat inclined to be reserved in unfamiliar or uncongenial company. He is six feet in height, of fine physique and courteous manner. With a comfortable income from his pen, he lives as near, perhaps, as any one ever does the author's ideal life, in the pleasant village of his native town."

In 1882 Mr. Colby was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Maria George, daughter of Gilman C. George, a leading resident of the town. Since he came of age, Mr. Colby has been a candidate repeatedly for every office in town. He has been Town Treasurer four years, a member of the School Board six years, and Postmaster four years. He has been a Trustee of the Pillsbury Library since its es-

tablishment. Mr. Colby is a member of the New Hampshire Historical Society, of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society, and an honorary member of the Manchester Press Club.

CHARLES LEWIS PERRY, for twenty-five years a successful tailor of Claremont, Sullivan County, N.H., was born in Charlestown, N.H., March 4, 1823, son of Charles and Mary (Putnam) Perry. At the age of seventeen Mr. Perry came to Claremont, where he learned the tailor's trade, and then began business for himself. Devoting his entire attention to custom work, he became prosperous, and in 1857 built the handsome business block known as Perry's Block, where he located until obliged to retire on account of failing health. He was succeeded in business by his son, Charles Eugene. Mr. Perry was a business man of exceptional ability, scrupulously honest, a man of exemplary habits, public-spirited, a useful citizen and a devoted husband and father. He had accumulated a competency, and was looking forward with pleasure to a life free from cares, when he was called to leave this world, his death occurring January 15, 1876. He is survived by his wife, formerly Dorothy Blake Mitchell, daughter of Charles and Silvia (Mitchell) Mitchell, and four sons — Charles E., Frank H., Theodore, and Arthur.

William Mitchell, Mrs. Perry's paternal grandfather, was born in Boston. He came to Claremont from Henniker, N.H., settling in the north-eastern part of the town, on Cornish Road, where he was one of the earliest farmers. He was a representative man of the county, a prosperous farmer, and a Christian of high standing. His father was a sea captain, and was lost at sea. Mr. Mitchell married first Sophia Atherton, by whom he had children as follows: William, Jr., who settled in Malone, N.Y., where he married and died; Robert, who married, and reared a family in Claremont, where he died; Horace, who also married and died in Claremont; Sydney, who married and died in Claremont, leaving one child; Louisa, who died unmarried; Lydia, who married Aaron Smith, reared four children, and died in Cornish; Betsey, who married a Mr. Thompson; Fannie, who married Mr. Starbird, a successful tailor of Claremont; Charles, who married Silvia Mitchell, daughter of Thomas Mitchell. William Mitchell married second a widow, who bore him three children — Thomas, Henry, and Mary Ann. He died in 1832, at the age of sixty-four years. He was a Whig and a strong advocate of abolition principles, and regarded as one of the leading citizens of Sullivan County. He died in the faith of the Episcopal church.

Thomas and Henry Mitchell, sons of William, were early settlers in Iowa; and Thomas was the founder of the town of Mitchellville. Thomas Mitchell, familiarly known as "Uncle Tom," and well described as one of nature's noblemen, was Polk County's first actual settler, building himself a log cabin there in 1844. He was born in Claremont, March 3, 1816, worked as a farm hand and paper-mill employee until nineteen years of age. He then went to Springfield, Vt., and shortly after removed to St. Charles County, Missouri, and in March, 1840, went to Iowa, settling in Polk County, as above mentioned, in 1844. It was his delight in the early days to entertain the passing emigrants, and his liberal hospitality cheered the heart of many a wayfarer. He was long one of the most honored citizens of Mitchellville, and did much for the morality of the town, being opposed to liquor and eager for the advancement of the town's best interests. He held

many offices, and at the time of his death was the oldest resident of the county. He possessed many traits which endeared him to the hearts of the people. He married first, in 1841, Miss Elmira Swift, of Thetford, Vt. She died in 1860; and he married in 1861 Miss Ann C. Mattern, who, with her parents, had come from Pennsylvania to Iowa some years previously. He died June 15, 1894, sincerely mourned by all who knew him.

Charles Mitchell, the father of Mrs. Perry, settled on a farm near the paternal homestead, where he lived and prospered. He was an honored member of the Episcopal church, in which he was a warden. His children were: Elizabeth, Ira, Jane, Dorothy (Mrs. Perry), Edwin, John, William, Abbie, Henry, Ada, Ella, and Sophia.

John Mitchell, a brother of Mrs. Perry, was born February 28, 1830. He graduated from the Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N.H., and entered Dartmouth; but his college course was interrupted by the death of his father. He subsequently studied law with McClure and Governor Metcalf in Claremont, and then, joining his uncle in Des Moines, was admitted to the Polk County bar in August, 1856. He established an independent practice in 1857. Four years later he was commissioned Captain of a company of cavalry in the State service, and fought against the Indians for three months in North-western Iowa. In the fall of the same year he was elected to the legislature from Polk County, and served two years during the exciting times of 1861 and 1862. He was made a member of the City Council and first Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and filled various offices of trust until 1867, when he was appointed Registrar of Bankruptcy in the Fifth Congressional District. He was elected Judge of the Fifth District Circuit Court in November, 1868, and served twelve years, twice being re-elected without opposition. His integrity as a man and his ability as a jurist were of the highest order. Upon retiring from the bench in 1881, he continued for two years in the practice of law, and in 1883 became associated with C. A. Dudley. This partnership continued until the death of Mr. Mitchell, which occurred December 29, 1890. No man was more respected by his townspeople, rich and poor. He was a friend to the needy, and beloved by all, public-spirited, temperate in all things, charitable in word and deed; and Claremont may well be proud of so worthy a son. He was intimately connected with the best life of the city of Des Moines, was Vice-President of the Iowa Loan and Trust Company, Director of the Des Moines National Bank, and Director and Counsellor of the Central Loan and Trust Company. He married Rebecca Anshutz, daughter of C. P. Anshutz, of Moundsville, W. Va.

Charles Eugene Perry succeeded his father in business in Claremont. Frank H. Perry, after completing the study of law, went to Des Moines, and began the practice of his profession, but afterward became the popular editor of the *Record*, a Des Moines publication. Of the two other sons, Theodore and Arthur, the younger has become a musician of note. Mrs. Perry is now residing in Claremont.

GEORGE W. WILSON, who owns a productive farm in Franklin, was born in Salisbury, N.H., July 15, 1824, son of Dr. Job and Nancy (Farnum) Wilson. His grandfather, Captain Nathaniel Wilson, who served as an officer in the Continental army during the Revolutionary War, settled in Gilmanton, N.H., where he spent the remainder of his life. He was an able

farmer and a citizen of more than ordinary intelligence and worth.

Job Wilson, M.D., the father of George W., was born in Gilmanton. After graduating from college, he began the practice of medicine in Boscawen. Later he moved to Salisbury and in 1831 to Franklin, settling on the farm which his son George W. now owns. The farm was tilled by hired assistants; and he continued to practise his profession with success until his death, which occurred in September, 1851. He was a physician of ability, and he provided his children with a good education. His wife, Nancy, who was a native of Concord, N.H., became the mother of ten children, of whom the only survivor is George W. Their son Benjamin died in infancy. Benjamin F. died in Battle Creek, Mich. Their daughter Lucinda Conant married Thomas Eastman, and died in West Concord. Abigail died in Salisbury, at the age of seventeen years. Lydia married Grove Stevens, of Haverhill, N.H., and died in that town. Jeremiah practised medicine in Contoocook, and died in May, 1896. Job P., who was a farmer, died in Plymouth, N.H. Thomas W., who followed a profession in Salisbury, died April 13, 1861. Ephraim F. Wilson, M.D., died in Rockland, Conn. The mother's death occurred in 1853.

George W. Wilson was seven years old when his parents moved to this town. He attended school in Franklin, Pembroke, and Gilmanton. After remaining at home and caring for his parents during their declining years, he succeeded to the ownership of the property. Besides the home farm of eighty acres he now owns another tract of one hundred acres, which he has improved. He carries on general farming and dairying. His property is desirably located. The four-story residence he occupies was erected by his father.

On June 15, 1855, Mr. Wilson married Ellen M. Sawyer, who was born in Charlestown, Mass., August 28, 1834, daughter of Stephen and Marinda (Hale) Sawyer. The father was a cooper by trade. Both natives of Hopkinton, N.H., they resided in various places, and at one time occupied the farm in Salisbury upon which Daniel Webster was born. They finally moved to South Salisbury, where their last days were spent. Stephen Sawyer died in 1861, and his wife died in 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had one daughter — Emma Elizabeth, who, born May 25, 1856, died June 25, 1863. In politics Mr. Wilson acts with the Republican party, and he has served with ability in some of the town offices. He is connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, and both he and Mrs. Wilson are members of the Congregational church.

DR. EDWARD HORATIO FOSTER, formerly a well-known medical practitioner of Concord, was born October 13, 1839, in Canterbury, N.H., son of David M. and Sarah (Bradley) Foster. He is a direct descendant of Reginald Foster, who settled in Ipswich, Mass., in 1635. His grandfather, Asa Foster, served in the French and Indian War, and under General Pepperell was at the capture of Louisburg. During the Revolutionary War Asa was one of General Arnold's body-guard at the time of the General's desertion. When he died in Canterbury in 1862, he was ninety-six years old. His son, David M. Foster, a native of Canterbury, followed the occupation of school teacher in his earlier days, and was greatly interested in politics. David's wife, Sarah, was born in Brunswick, Me.

Edward H. Foster attended public and private schools in his native town, and then en-

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tered Berkshire College at Pittsfield, Mass. He graduated from Bowdoin College, Maine, in 1866. Dr. Foster first located in Bradford, Vt., remaining one year. For three years thereafter he was located in Marblehead, Mass. In July, 1872, after spending a year on the Pacific Coast, he came to Concord, where he practised for the remainder of his life. In politics Dr. Foster voted independently. He was President of Pass Creek Ranch Company, of Wyoming, and also of the Eureka Headache Cure Company, of this city.

Dr. Foster was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Ella M. Merrill, was a native of Marblehead. She had one child — Edward L. Foster, of Concord. On September 16, 1879, he was married to Clara B. Smith, of Lowell, Mass. By this marriage there are two children — Reginald S. and Clara B. Foster. The Doctor died April 5, 1897.

SHERBURN JOSIAH WINSLOW, one of the most prominent business men and influential residents of Pittsfield, was born in Nottingham, N.H., March 16, 1834, son of Josiah and Ruth (Tucker) Winslow. By both paternal grandparents, each of whom was a Winslow, he is directly descended from Governor Edward Winslow, who came with the Pilgrims in the "Mayflower." The grandfather, Elisha Winslow, was a prosperous farmer of Nottingham, and lived to a good old age. He was the father of six children, all now deceased.

Josiah Winslow, the second child and the eldest son of Elisha, was born in Nottingham, November 12, 1797. He was reared to farm life, but learned the tanner's and shoemaker's trades, which he followed for many years. He finally moved to Pittsfield, and his last days were spent upon the farm in this town. A citizen of more than ordinary worth, he acquired a high reputation for honesty. He was a supporter of the Democratic party, and took a lively interest in local politics. His wife, Ruth, whose father, James Tucker, was born in Salisbury, Mass., April 15, 1766, became the mother of four children, namely: Sally T., deceased; James T., deceased; Sherburn J., the subject of this sketch; and Atilla J., deceased. James T. married Fanny Hall, of Illiana, Ill., and had one son, James Albert. Josiah Winslow died at the age of sixty-six years, and his wife lived to be sixty-seven. They were members of the Free Will Baptist church.

Sherburn Josiah Winslow began his education in the common schools, and completed his studies at the Pittsfield Academy. Subsequently in 1856, after teaching school for several years, he engaged in agriculture upon a farm located on Tilton Hill. This property, which contains one hundred and seventy-five acres, he cultivated successfully until 1883. Some time previous to that year he became interested in lumbering, for which and other enterprises he afterward forsook farming. He has had an interest in four different companies at one time; and since 1887 he has been associated with ex-Governor Tuttle, under the firm name of Winslow & Tuttle. He is interested in the Exeter (N.H.) Manufacturing Company, of which he is the treasurer and a director; and he was for ten years the superintendent of the Pittsfield Water Works, of which he is now a director. For many years he has been a trustee of the Pittsfield Savings Bank, which he now serves in the capacity of auditor and member of the investment committee. He is also one of the principal stockholders and a director of the Pittsfield Gas Company.

On March 19, 1860, Mr. Winslow was

united in marriage with Margaret Dennison, daughter of Joseph Dennison, of Stafford, Conn. He has two daughters — Cora and Nellie. Cora is now the wife of James L. Hook, of Pittsfield, and has one daughter, Margaret L. Mr. Winslow acts with the Republican party, and is a member of the present School Board of Pittsfield. He takes a deep interest in all matters relating to the growth of the town and the development of its business resources, and his aid in securing these ends can always be depended upon. He is connected with the Masonic fraternity. Both he and Mrs. Winslow are Episcopalians, and he is treasurer of the church in Pittsfield.

HON. IRA COLBY, one of the leading lawyers of the State of New Hampshire, was born in Claremont, N.H., January 11, 1831, son of Ira and Polly (Foster) Colby, both of purely English descent. Their families in the various branches number many persons of distinction. On the maternal side he is descended from Reginald Foster, who came from Exeter, Devonshire, England, and settled in Ipswich, Essex County, Mass., in 1638. It has been stated in an account of the descendants of Joseph Stickney, which appeared in the *New Hampshire Granite Monthly* of July, 1892, that the family of this Reginald is honorably mentioned in "The Lay of the Last Minstrel" and "Marmion." When Mrs. Colby was eleven years of age, her father removed with his family from Essex, Mass., to Henniker, N.H., to prevent his sons from becoming seafaring men. She there met Mr. Colby, a native of the place. They were married April 17, 1827, and immediately removed to Claremont, where they ever afterward lived. Mr. Colby was one of the most successful and enterprising farmers of his town, and was honored with many positions of trust. He served as a Selectman in the years 1858 and 1859 and as a Representative of the town in the legislature of New Hampshire in 1872 and 1873. He died in 1873, at the age of seventy years.

The subject of this sketch lived at his father's, and worked upon the farm on "Bible Hill," so called, until seventeen years of age, his only schooling up to that time having been obtained at the district schools. He then entered Marlow Academy, and, while there, decided to obtain a college education. Finishing his preparatory course of study at Thetford, Vt., he entered Dartmouth College in 1853, and was graduated four years later. During the winter seasons, while at the academy and college, he was engaged in teaching, first in New Hampshire and afterward in Massachusetts. The year after graduation was spent in teaching at Waukesha, Wis. In September, 1858, he began the study of law in the office of Messrs. Freeman & McClure in Claremont. Two years later he was admitted, upon examination, to the Sullivan County bar. For the past thirty-five years he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in the office where he obtained his first knowledge of law.

In giving the particulars of his public career we quote from a contemporaneous history: "He was always a Republican in politics, and in the time of the Rebellion was an active and zealous supporter of the cause of the Union. He was a Representative in the legislatures of 1864, 1865, 1881, 1883, and 1887, a member of the State Senate during the years 1869 and 1870, and of the Republican National Convention in 1876. With the exception of two years he was County Solicitor the entire time from 1864 to 1888. In 1889 he was appointed by the governor and

council one of a commission of three to revise, codify, and amend the Public Statutes of New Hampshire. On the resignation of Judge Allen in March, 1893, he was appointed an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, but declined the appointment. He was for ten years a member of the Committee of the Stevens High School, and has been for many years one of the Trustees of the Fiske Free Library. He has always taken a leading part in public affairs, and has been an active promoter of the public welfare. In his profession he has been a hard worker and close student, and ranks among the best lawyers in the State. He has an extensive and lucrative practice, and for many years has been engaged on one side or the other of all the important causes in his county. As an advocate at the bar and a debater upon the floor of the House of Representatives or the Senate he ranks among the very best."

He married, June 20, 1867, Miss Louisa M. Way, daughter of Gordon Way, Esq., of Claremont, and sister of Dr. O. B. Way, of that place. Their only child, Ira Gordon Colby, is a graduate of Dartmouth College of the class of 1894, and also a graduate of the Boston University Law School, class of 1897. In religion Mr. Colby is a Methodist, as was his father before him. For many years the father was one of the Board of Trustees of his church; and the son, upon his death, succeeded to, and still holds, the same office.

HON. GEORGE ASHBY CUMMINGS, ex-Mayor of Concord and formerly a member of the State Senate, was born in Acworth, June 13, 1833, son of Alvah and Polly (Grout) Cummings. His father was a native of Sullivan, and his mother was born in Acworth. He was educated in the public schools of South Acworth. At the age of twenty years he engaged in the marble business in Franklin, N.H., where he remained until 1861. He then moved to Concord, where he has prosperously carried on the same business. His reputation is that of an able, energetic business man. He was a Representative to the New Hampshire legislature during the years 1870 and 1871, a member of the Board of Aldermen of Concord in 1873 and 1874, Mayor of Concord in 1880 and 1881; and he was in the State Senate in 1890 and 1891, being elected president of the New Hampshire Senate Association in the same year. Since its formation he has been a director of the Concord Street Railway Company. He is the president and a director of the Concord Shoe Manufactory, a trustee of the Merrimack County Savings Bank and the New Hampshire Orphans' Home in Franklin, a trustee and the vice-president of the Odd Fellows Home; and he has been the president of the Concord Odd Fellows Hall Association since its organization.

On February 24, 1854, Mr. Cummings was united in marriage with Mary E. Smith, of Manchester. Of their two children Frank E. Cummings, of Haverhill, Mass., is living. Mr. Cummings is a member of White Mountain Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F. In that fraternity he has been Grand Master of the State, and he has represented this jurisdiction in the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the United States. He is a Baptist in his religious views, and he is the president and a trustee of the First Baptist Society.

JOSIAH EDWARDS DWIGHT, a member of the noted old New England family to which President Timothy Dwight of Yale College belonged, is one of the leading

business men of the city of Concord, N.H. Born in Belchertown, Mass., May 17, 1839, son of Harrison D. and Sophia (Cook) Dwight, he traces his lineage through his mother, also, back to the early days of the New England colonies.

On the paternal side his first ancestor to settle in this country was John Dwight, who came from Dedham, England, in 1634, and located in the part of Massachusetts afterward named Dedham. He was the second man of wealth in the settlement, and with eighteen others owned the land comprising later the town of Dedham and about nine surrounding towns. His daughter Mary was the first white child born in the town of Dedham. John Dwight's son Timothy, from whom the subject of this sketch is directly descended, was born in Dedham, England, in 1629. He inherited the estate and virtues of his father, and was one of the prominent men of his day. A sturdy soldier, he was cornet of a troop in his younger days, and was afterward commander of a company of foot, and is commonly alluded to as Captain Timothy Dwight. His title was no empty honor, for he was engaged in ten expeditions against the Indians; and in 1660 he was one of two agents appointed to treat with the Indians, which they did with satisfactory results. He was for ten years Town Clerk of Dedham, twenty-five years Selectman, and two years Representative to the General Court. Captain Dwight is said to have "taught" in the Second Church in Boston previous to the settlement of its second minister, Increase Mather. He was married six times, and was the father of fourteen children. He died in 1717.

Captain Timothy Dwight's son Nathaniel, who was known as Justice Nathaniel Dwight, was born in Dedham, November 20, 1666, and removed from Dedham to Northampton, Mass., in 1695. He, too, was a man of affairs, a trader, farmer, and surveyor of land on a large scale. A Justice of the Peace for a great many years, he was called upon to transact much important business. Justice Nathaniel Dwight was a very religious man. He died while on a business trip to West Springfield, Mass., in 1711; and his grave is the oldest in that city. The next in line is Captain Nathaniel Dwight, Jr., who was born in Northampton, Mass., in 1712, and was a brother of President Timothy Dwight of Yale College. He was a farmer and surveyor, and was one of the first settlers in Belchertown, Mass., where he located in 1734, and acted for some time as agent for Mr. Belcher, for whom the place was named. Prominent in all civil and religious affairs, he was county surveyor and a member of the church in Northampton of which Jonathan Edwards was pastor. Captain Nathaniel Dwight, Jr., was an earnest, practical, straightforward man, always ready for whatever duty called. He died in 1784.

His son, Captain Justus Dwight, who was born in Belchertown in 1739, was a farmer, and was town surveyor of Belchertown for a number of years. Politically a conservative, or a Tory, he believed that the independence of the colonies would eventually be consummated, but that they were premature in their uprising; and, paying a substitute who was anxious to fight, he calmly awaited the outcome of the Revolution. Justus Dwight, too, was a deeply religious man. He died in 1824. His son Nathaniel, grandfather of Josiah E. Dwight, was born in Belchertown in 1772. He was "a man of great good sense, great kindness of heart, and of unbending integrity, one of the most conscientiously honest men, a sincere, humble, consistent Christian. The distinguished name of Dwight has been honored as borne by this estimable man."

Harrison D. Dwight, son of the third Nathaniel, was born in Belchertown in 1806. In his early manhood he was engaged in the manufacture of shotguns and rifles; and he was subsequently in the lumber and wood business, also following the pursuit of agriculture. Known and highly respected in Belchertown and the neighboring towns, he was often urged to accept public office, but invariably declined. He died in 1878. His wife, Sophia, was a daughter of David W. and Salome (Cady) Cook and a native of Hadley, Mass. David W. Cook, who was born in Hadley, July 26, 1779, traced his descent from Captain Aaron Cook, of Hadley, son of Aaron, of Northampton, Mass., through Moses, Aaron, and William. David W. Cook died in Belchertown in 1869. He was married November 23, 1799, to Salome Cady, who was born in Shutesbury, Mass., January 1, 1779, daughter of Jeremiah and Hannah (Warner) Cady.

Jeremiah Cady, Mrs. Sophia Cook Dwight's maternal grandfather, was born in Killingly, Conn., July 17, 1752. He was descended from Nicholas Cady, an immigrant, who settled in Watertown, Mass., about 1645. Nicholas Cady had a son Joseph, who was known as Captain Joseph Cady; and Captain Joseph's son Stephen's son Samuel was Jeremiah Cady's father. Jeremiah Cady was an active member of the celebrated Boston Tea Party of December, 1773. A record of his service as a Revolutionary soldier, enlisting from Shutesbury, Mass., is contained in the archives at the State House, Boston, as follows: "Jeremiah Cady, private in Captain Reuben Dickenson's Company, Colonel Woodbridge's regiment, enlisted May 15, 1775, served two months, one day." From Shutesbury he was on muster-roll, August 1, 1775 (see vol. xiv. p. 84, at State House). Jeremiah Cady's autograph signature is appended to a receipt for pay at Charlestown, July 27, 1775 (see vol. xxxv. p. 104). Jeremiah Cady, private, reported on roll of Captain Dickenson's company, September 28, 1775, as from Shutesbury (vol. liv. p. 165). "Jeremiah Cady of Captain Noah Dickenson's company, Colonel Elisha Porter's regiment, enlisted August 18, 1777, discharged August 21, 1777, served four days in Hampshire County regiment, marched in alarm to New Providence" (vol. xviii. pp. 182 and 192). "Jeremiah Cady, private in Captain Joel Steven's company, Colonel David Rassier's regiment, enlisted October 12, 1781, discharged October 25, 1781. Roll dated at Pittsfield; served at Stillwater" (vol. xxvi. p. 288, Field and Staff Rolls). Mr. Cady died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Salome Cook, June 1, 1848, aged ninety-five years, ten months, fourteen days. He was married in Amherst, Mass., November 12, 1772, to Hannah, daughter of Aaron and Ruth (Selden) Warner, of Amherst, Mass. Mrs. Cady was born June 30, 1754, and died about 1829.

Josiah Edwards Dwight received a good education, attending the public schools of Belchertown and the academy at Amherst, Mass. In 1855 he obtained employment as a clerk in the dry-goods house of E. H. Sanford at Worcester, Mass.; and after eight years of faithful service he in 1863 purchased an interest in the business, the firm becoming E. H. Sanford & Co. In 1865 he disposed of his share to Mr. Sanford, and removing to Concord, N.H., became associated with J. R. Hill, manufacturer of saddlery goods and harness, Mr. George H. Emery becoming a member of the firm at the same time. These three gentlemen conducted a flourishing business under the firm name of J. R. Hill & Co. until 1885, when Mr. Hill died. In 1888 a

corporation was formed, retaining the old name; and Mr. Dwight was made treasurer of the company, his present position. J. R. Hill & Co. are the manufacturers of the celebrated Concord harness. Much of the energy and ability of his ancestors has been transmitted to Mr. Dwight, with the integrity that is a distinguishing mark of his family; and he has the entire confidence of all with whom he has dealings. He is a director of the Eagle and Phœnix Hotel Company, director and vice-president of the Hill Associates; and president of the Rumford Building and Loan Association. A stanch Republican, he has been elected to public office, and has faithfully discharged his duties. He was a member of the Concord Common Council two years, 1887 and 1888, a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1889 and 1890, in 1895 was appointed by Governor Busiel police commissioner of Concord to fill out the unexpired term of the Hon. Stillman Humphrey, deceased; and in 1897 he was reappointed for the full term of six years by Governor Ramsdell.

Mr. Dwight was married December 25, 1862, to Lucy J., daughter of James R. Hill, and has two children — Mabel S. and Harrison H. His daughter is the wife of Charles F. Conn, treasurer of the Boston Terminal Company of Boston, Mass. Mr. Dwight is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Rumford Lodge, No. 46, I. O. O. F., and is at present a member of the lodge board of trustees. He is a member of the South Congregational Church.

EDMUND SILVER, a thriving farmer of Boscawen, N.H., was born in Bow, this State, September 10, 1834. His parents, Edmund and Sallie (Dow) Silver, who resided in Bow for the greater part of their lives, died when their son Edmund was quite young. They had nine children — Lewis, Laura, Cyrene, Leonard, Gideon, Sullivan, Daniel, Edmund, and George. Lewis died in March, 1897. Daniel is engaged in farming in Salisbury, N.H. George is in Penacook; and the others, except Edmund, the subject of our sketch, are deceased.

Edmund Silver received his education in the district schools, remaining at home with his parents until he was seven years of age. He then went to Ware, Mass., where he was employed on a farm; and he was similarly engaged in other towns for a few years, returning subsequently to Bow. At the age of twenty he went to Canterbury, remaining there three and a half years. He then spent three years in Warner, N.H., afterward removing to Webster, in which place he was engaged in farming for about thirty-five years. Subsequently, coming to Boscawen, he purchased his present farm, then known as the Ferrin farm. It contains about sixty-five acres, most of which is under cultivation. Besides general farming he carries on a milk business. He also owns the farm at Webster where he formerly lived, which contains forty-five acres.

On November 2, 1858, Mr. Silver married Lydia Ann Kimball, of Albany, N.Y., who was born March 9, 1834, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Hubbard) Kimball. Her father was a native of Hopkinton, and her mother of Wilmot, N.H. The former was employed in Wilmot, where he worked at farming. He subsequently went to New York City, where he worked in a livery stable, residing there until his death. His wife also died there. Mr. and Mrs. Silver have three children, as follows: Henry Albert, Luella Grace, and Frederick E. Henry died July 20, 1878, at the age of seventeen years. The other two remain at home with their parents. Mrs. Silver is well known for her fine butter-

making. She is a member of the Congregational church at Webster. Mr. Silver is a Republican in his politics. He was formerly Highway Surveyor in Webster. A self-made man, he has won success by hard work, and is well known and highly regarded throughout the county.

LARNARD POWERS, for many years one of the leading farmers and most influential citizens of Cornish, was born at Croydon, N.H., April 20, 1808. His grandparents were Lemuel and Thankful (Leland) Powers, and his parents were Colonel Samuel and Chloe (Cooper) Powers. Colonel Powers was born at Northbridge in 1763, and was a soldier and officer of the Revolution. His family consisted of the following-named children: Olive, Obed, Judith, Nancy, Chloe, Samuel, Ara, Lemuel, Solomon, Ithamar, Larnard, and Randilla. Olive, born in 1786, died in 1841, unmarried; Obed, born in 1788, married Cynthia Cummings, and had a family of five children; Judith, born in 1790, became Mrs. Barton, and was the mother of seven children; Nancy, born in 1792, died in 1829, was the wife of David Kenney, and had three children; Chloe, born in 1795, married Lemuel Martindale, and bore him eight children; Samuel, born in 1795, died unmarried in 1828; Ara, born in 1797, married Mary Seaver, of Charlestown, and they were the parents of three children; Lemuel, born in 1801, died in infancy; Solomon was born in 1804; Ithamar, born in 1805, died in 1834; Randilla, born in 1811, married Alfred Ward, and was the mother of two children.

Larnard Powers received his education in the common schools of Croydon. After leaving school he engaged in farming in his native town for two years, and then came to Cornish, where he bought the estate upon which his widow and some of his family still reside. In politics he was always a Jeffersonian Democrat; and, although keenly interested in the town affairs, he was never an aspirant for political honors or for town offices. His business and personal affairs required the whole of his attention. His many fertile acres of land were largely devoted to the raising of grain and hay and to the pasturage of his flocks. He started in life as a poor boy, with his own way to make; and he succeeded by thrift, industry, and energy in amassing a comfortable fortune and in reaching a leading position in his line of business. His dairy business was extensive, and it is estimated that his wife made at their farm seventy-five thousand pounds of the highest-grade butter. This was always sought for in the Boston markets; and among the private customers supplied was the Hon. William M. Evarts, of New York City, he having a summer residence at Windsor, Vt. The business was kept up until five or six years ago, when, consequent upon the opening of the creameries, it was discontinued. Mr. Powers took a deep interest in educational matters, and, although not a college-bred man himself, was extremely painstaking in the education of his children. He was a gentleman of the old school, genial, generous, and courteous, and was universally admired and respected.

On April 7, 1836, Mr. Powers was united in marriage with Ruby M., daughter of John Barton, of Croydon; and in 1838 they removed to Cornish. Their children were: Caroline M., born in 1837; Erastus B., born in 1840; Alice V., born in 1846; and Samuel L., born in 1847. Caroline was educated at Claremont and at Kimball Union Academy. After completing her course of study, she became a teacher, and taught with unusual success for many terms, having the painstaking and deter-

mination which she inherited from her father and a natural tact in dealing with children. She was married to Horace B. Wellman, of Cornish, October 5, 1864, and has one daughter — Ada P., born October 5, 1867. Ada was educated at Kimball Union Academy, as her mother had been; and, like her mother, she also taught school very successfully. She married Nelson H. Morgan, of Springfield, N.H., October 30, 1895, and is now living on the old homestead. Erastus B., second child of Mr. and Mrs. Powers, fitted for college at Kimball Union Academy, was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1865 and at Harvard Law School in 1866. He was a student of unusual ability, and stood first in his class in college. After being admitted to the bar, he taught school for a number of years, and was master of the high school at Nashua, N.H. He entered upon the practice of law in Boston, Mass., and has made a reputation for himself as one of the most talented men in the legal profession of that city. He married Emma F. Besse, of Wareham, Mass., daughter of Captain David and Emma (Knowlton) Besse; and one daughter, Ruby Barton, was born to them November 15, 1872. January 4, 1893, she was married to Clarence Wadsworth Clark, of Malden, Assistant Travelling Auditor of the Boston & Maine Railroad. Alice V. Powers attended Kimball Union Academy, and then taught school in the East and in Cass County, Missouri. She married Nathaniel Randall, of Ohio, an extensive grain grower and stock-raiser, and has one daughter — Edith V., born January 12, 1876, who was educated in one of the Missouri Normal Schools. Samuel L. Powers was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1874, and studied law in New York City. After his admission to the bar he opened a law office in Boston, where he has since been a practising lawyer and one of the leaders of his profession in that city. He was elected a delegate to the Franco-American Treaty Convention at Paris in 1878, and has been counsel in many important cases in litigation. He is at present counsel for the New England Telegraph and Telephone Company. Mr. Powers resides in Newton, Mass., and is President of the Newton Club. He married Eva Crowell, of Dennis, Mass., on June 21, 1878, and has one son — Leland, born in Newton, July 1, 1890.

CHARLES A. BAILEY, an able business man of Merrimack County, New Hampshire, and an esteemed resident of Hookset, was born in Pembroke, November 11, 1847, son of Charles and Sarah A. (Edmunds) Bailey. His paternal grandfather, Josiah Bailey, was born in Chester, Rockingham County, this State, on February 11, 1766. When a young man he removed with his family to Pembroke, Merrimack County, and was there engaged as a miller until his death, February 19, 1854. His wife, whose maiden name was Ruth Frost, was born March 8, 1769, in Tewksbury, Mass., and died in Pembroke, N.H., November 28, 1835. They were married November 15, 1792, and were the parents of ten children.

Charles, the youngest child, was born in Dunbarton, N.H., September 28, 1810, and when but four years of age accompanied his parents to Pembroke, where he grew to manhood and was educated. He followed farming in connection with brickmaking for many years, coming from Pembroke to Hookset in 1852. Here he purchased the estate now owned and occupied by his widow, and was engaged in his two occupations until his death, June 2, 1896, being a most successful business man. He was highly esteemed wherever known for his uprightness of character. Po-

litically, he was a sound Democrat, and while in Pembroke served as Selectman two terms. Both he and his good wife early united with the Methodist Church of Suncook. On April 1, 1841, he married Miss Sarah A. Edmunds, daughter of Captain Edward Edmunds, of Chichester, N.H., where her birth occurred December 9, 1821. Four children were the fruit of their union, and three of them are now living, as follows: Mary E., born October 16, 1843; Abbie J., born December 27, 1845, now residing in Suncook, the widow of the late Hall B. Emery; and Charles A., the special subject of this sketch.

Charles A. Bailey acquired his elementary education in the public schools of Hookset, and further advanced in learning by an attendance at the Pembroke Academy. He subsequently worked on the home farm several seasons, and also engaged in brick manufacturing until 1877, when he embarked in a new enterprise. Purchasing nineteen acres of rocky land in Allenstown, in the vicinity of Suncook village, Merrimack County, he spent his energies in developing its resources, and by his able management soon had a good paying granite quarry in full operation. Succeeding well with this, he has since bought other land near by, and has built two and one-half miles of railroad, which he operates with his own locomotive. He has now more than one hundred acres of land, about one-fifth of which is in a good state of cultivation, and is devoted to general farming. In connection with his quarrying he has an extensive trade, shipping granite to all parts of New England and to many of the Western States. Mr. Bailey has continued his residence in his native town, and is prominently identified with its leading interests.

Mr. Bailey married December 16, 1875, Miss Mary J., daughter of Harvey and Mary (Putnam) Dennison, of Allenstown. Five children have brightened their pleasant home, namely: Hall Edward and Harvey Dennison, twins, born January 4, 1877; Clara Louise, born January 17, 1879, died the following August; Charles Parker, born June 16, 1885; and Emery Ward, born January 10, 1887. Politically, Mr. Bailey is a steadfast Republican. Fraternally, he is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to Jewell Lodge, No. 29, F. & A. M., of Suncook; Trinity Chapter, Horace Chase Council; Mount Horeb Commandery, Ariel Council, P. of J.; Aaron P. Hughes Lodge of Perfection; and St. George Chapter, Rose Croix. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are valued members of the Methodist church.

WILLIAM CANT STUROC, "the bard of Sunapee," as he is often called, was born November 4, 1822, in a humble, straw-thatched cottage in Arbroath, Scotland, son of Francis Sturoc and his wife, Ann (Cant) Sturoc. Doubtless, the poetic genius has descended to him from his paternal great-grandfather, James Sturoc, who wrote a book of "Hymns and Spiritual Songs," and died in Panbride in 1750. Other distinguished members of the family were well known in the church. Among these was the Rev. David Sturoc, who was of ready speech and pen, and two generations ago repeatedly entered public debate with the renowned Dr. Wardlow, of Glasgow. Francis, the father of William, was well known as highly cultured and profoundly read, although throughout his life he followed mercantile occupations. Cantsland, an ancient estate in Kincardineshire, now in other hands, was for several hundred years in the possession of the Cants, the mother's family. James Cant, the maternal grandfather of William C., and a resident

of St. Cyrus in the same county, was cousin to the famous Immanuel Cant, or Kant, who died in 1804. James had four daughters — Helen, Ann, Margaret, and Jane. His only son, John, died in Bridgeport, Conn. Ann Cant married Francis Sturoc, December 19, 1808, and to them were born ten children. The father died in 1851, aged seventy-seven years, after surviving the mother some years.

William Cant, the ninth child of his parents, spent his earliest years in Arbroath, Forfarshire, Scotland, there obtaining his elementary education. Afterward he spent two years at Edinburgh, where he took a course of study under Andrew Combe, a well-known educator of his day. After finishing his education in his native land, Mr. Sturoc went to Canada in 1846, and located in Montreal. He there secured a position with Edward Maxwell, an architect and builder. Some years later he met William W. Eastman, of Sunapee, N.H., upon whose invitation he paid his first visit to this town. It was during this visit that he made the acquaintance of the late Hon. Edmund Burke, of Newport, N.H., who advised him to study law, and who ultimately received him into his office for that purpose. Under the influence and instruction of so strong a politician the young man soon became widely interested in politics, and before long was championing upon the stump the Jeffersonian doctrines to which he has since firmly adhered. He was admitted to the bar in 1855, and in the following year he came to Sunapee, where he has ever since had his home. He became a prominent figure in the public life of the community, and soon commanded the full confidence of his townsmen in all legal matters. His legal reading was at the same time extensively pursued; and in 1871 he was the author of a series of articles on "A Constitutional Judiciary," appearing in the New Hampshire *Patriot*, which were attributed by many of his profession to the late Hon. Edmund L. Cushing, subsequently Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. From 1865 to 1869 Mr. Sturoc represented his town in the General Court, where he maintained a prominent position among the leaders on the Democratic side of the House, and where he was distinguished as a ready and eloquent speaker.

Not only in America, but in his native land, his poems have received attention and admiration. Appreciative notices of him are to be found in "Scottish Poets in America" by Ross, "Modern Scottish Poets" by Edwards, B. Chapin's "Poets of New Hampshire," "Round about the Round O" by George Hay (author of History of Arbroath, Scotland), and in the *Granite Monthly*. Much of the information embodied in this brief sketch is to be credited to the *Granite Monthly*. In the interesting biography of Mr. Sturoc, published by this periodical, the writer says of his work: "His occasional poetic productions, given to the public through various channels in the past, have demonstrated through their fineness and delicacy of sentiment, combined with vigor of expression, the real poet soul with which he is endowed, have undoubtedly won him truer admiration than anything he has accomplished in other directions, and have inspired the hope for which, we trust, there is reasonable promise of fulfilment, that ere his life work is ended he may gather up for preservation in substantial form the charming gems of fancy to which his muse has given birth."

In 1856, December 12, Mr. Sturoc was united in marriage with Sarah C. Chase, a cousin of the late Chief Justice J. E. Sargent, of Concord. His home, a fine old mansion, which was the ancestral home of his wife, was remodelled by him in 1860. In July, 1867,

he received from Dartmouth College the degree of Master of Arts. Though seventy-five years of age, Mr. Sturoc is still in vigorous health. He derives much enjoyment from scientific studies, which for the last twenty years he has carried on in the retirement of his study, surrounded by his excellent library and his favorite books on astronomy, geology, and cerebral physiology. Of his many beautiful poems none is more liked in Sullivan County than the one here appended: —

LAKE SUNAPEE.

Once more, my Muse, from rest of many a year,
  Come forth again and sing, as oft of yore;
Now lead my step to where the crags appear
  In silent grandeur, by the rugged shore
That skirts the margin of thy waters free,
Lake of my mountain home, loved Sunapee!

Meet invocation to the pregnant scene,
  Where long, ere yet the white man's foot did roam,
Strode wild and free the daring Algonquin,
  And where, perchance, the stately Metacom
Inspired his braves with that poetic strain
Which cheered the Wampanoags, but cheered in vain.

Clear mountain mirror! who can tell but thou
  Hast borne the red man, in his light canoe,
As fleetly on thy bosom as e'en now
  Thou bear'st the pale face o'er thy waters blue?
And who can tell but nature's children then
Were rich and happy as the mass of men?

Sweet Granite "Katrine" of this mountain land,
  O jewel set amid a scene so fair!
Kearsarge, Ascutney, rise on either hand,
  While Grantham watches with a lover's care;
And our dark "Ben" to Croydon sends in glee
A greeting o'er thy silvery breast, Lake Sunapee!

How grand, upon a moonlit eve, to glide
  Upon thy waters, 'twixt the mountains high,
And gaze, within thy azure crystal tide,
  On trembling shadows of the earth and sky,
While all is silent save when trusty oar
Awakes an echo from thy slumbering shore.

O lovely lake, I would commune with thee,—
  For in thy presence naught of ill is found,—
That cares which wed the weary world to me
  May cease to harass with their carking round,
And I awhile midst nature's grandeur stand,
On mount of rapture 'twixt the sea and land.

Thy past is curtained by as deep a veil
  As shrouds the secrets which we may not reach;
And then 'twere wisdom, when our quest doth fail,
  To read the lessons which thou now dost teach,
And in thy face, on which we look to-day,
See hopes to cheer us on our onward way.

Roll on, sweet lake! and if, perchance, thy form
  Laves less of earth than floods of Western fame,
Yet still we love thee in the calm or storm,
  And call thée ours by many a kindly name.
No patriot heart but loves the scenes that come,
O'er memory's sea, to breathe a tale of "home."

And, when the winter in its frozen thrall
  Binds up thy locks in braids of icy wreath,
Forget we not thy cherished name to call,
  In fitting shadow of the sleep of death,
When golden rays shall o'er our rest still flee,
As morning beams salute thy brow, sweet Sunapee!

WILLIAM JOSEPH FORTIER, of Franklin village, a retired hat manufacturer, was born December 8, 1824, in Gentilly, Quebec County, Canada. His father, Dr. Thomas Fortier, who was a very prominent physician of Quebec, and later of Gentilly, was a member of Parliament for fourteen years. Dr. Thomas was twice married, first to Eliza Hannah, November 15, 1819, when he was twenty-four years of age. By this union there were seven children, born as follows: Thomas E., September 27, 1820; Mary Ann Emily, May 29, 1823; William Joseph, the subject of this sketch; Edward F., September 30, 1825; Mary L., January 4, 1827; Francis, January 7, 1828; and George Edward, March 7, 1831. Mary L.

died in infancy, and Francis was drowned in 1840. The Doctor's second marriage was made with Leocadie Gronden, of Gentilly, who bore him five children — Adeline, Georgiana, Sarah, Artanse, and Thomas. Having taken an active part in the troubles of 1837, Dr. Fortier was reduced to poverty. He remained in Gentilly for the remainder of his life, and died there at the age of eighty-four years.

William Joseph Fortier, in common with his brothers and sisters, was educated in the select schools of Canada. At the age of fourteen, his father having lost his property, he started out in life for himself. He walked to Irasburg, Vt.; and there he lived with Dr. George Pierce, employed by the latter, but also attending school for a time. He then served an apprenticeship of three years with Deacon Seth Cole, a hatter of Coventry Falls, Vt., and continued in Deacon Cole's employment as a journeyman for three years longer. About 1842 he came to Franklin and located at his present home. After working for wages a little longer in Franklin, he started the manufacture of hats, and continued in that business until the beginning of the late war. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the United States Cavalry at Providence, R.I., and was in Company I for three years. He was in many hard battles and skirmishes, receiving a very bad injury in his right knee by being thrown from his horse while participating in a charge at Middlebury, Vt. On that occasion he was taken prisoner, and was subsequently confined in Libby Prison for forty days, after which he was taken to Bell Island, and thence to Richmond, where he was released. He next went to Cedar Point and then to Annapolis, Md., where he was pronounced unfit for duty and detailed for service in the post-office. Here he remained until he was discharged from service, in May, 1865. He returned to Franklin, and for about three years after he sold dry goods on the road. At the end of that period he resumed the manufacture of hats, caps, etc., which he sold in the New England States, at times employing from fifteen to twenty hands in his factory. He continued in this business until 1889, when he retired on account of failing health.

On June 2, 1850, Mr. Fortier was married to Martha Hancock, of Northfield, N.H. Born January 1, 1839, she died December 7, 1889. Her children were: Emily Ann, born March 12, 1851; Mary Ella, born April 11, 1854; and Georgie Anna, born September 9, 1856. Emily is now the proprietor of a successful furnishing and fancy goods store at Franklin. Georgie is living at home with her father. Mary died April 9, 1884. Mr. Fortier is a member of G. F. Swett Post, No. 38, G. A. R., at Franklin Falls; also of Meridian Lodge, No. 60. He attends the Christian church. A hard-working and industrious man, he has been quite successful in life, and is highly respected by his townsmen.

RALSTON H. PENNIMAN, one of Plainfield's most able farmers and prominent residents, was born in this town, which is in the north-western part of Sullivan County, January 9, 1819, son of Thomas and Dorinda W. (Wood) Penniman. He comes of substantial Colonial stock of English extraction, being a lineal descendant of one of the very early settlers on the shores of Massachusetts Bay; namely, James Penniman, who, with his wife, Lydia Eliot, and her brother, John Eliot, of honored memory as the apostle to the Indians, arrived on the ship "Lion" in 1631.

The family name, it is said, was originally

Pen-na-man, signifying the chief or head man. Another branch of the family in Yorkshire were Royalists; and some of them were titled as knights and baronets, one being a Sir James Penniman, who was knighted by Charles I. on the battlefield. James Penniman, the emigrant, with others petitioned for a new town at Mount Wollaston; and accordingly, in 1640, the town of Braintree was incorporated. He was one of the leading men, holding the office of Justice of the Peace; and a number of years later he was one of the petitioners for the new plantation of Mendon, ordered in 1660, his son Joseph being named as one of the commissioners to settle it. Lydia Eliot, the wife of James Penniman, was born at Nasing, Essex County, England, in 1610.

Peletiah and Hannah (Taft) Penniman, grandparents of the subject of this sketch, were lifelong residents of Massachusetts. They had a family of seven children, as follows: Hannah Fish, born March 2, 1765, who died May 6, 1820; Nathaniel, born December 2, 1767, died May 22, 1847; Lydia, born March 2, 1770; Ruth, born April 20, 1772; Luther, born February 13, 1775; Thomas, named above, born June 24, 1778; and Nancy, born October 8, 1781 — all deceased.

When a young man, Thomas Penniman settled upon a farm in Plainfield, and was a leading spirit among the early residents of this town. He figured prominently in public affairs, serving as a Selectman for a number of years, and was highly respected for his ability and upright character. He died August 18, 1854. His wife was Dorinda W. Wood, a native of Uxbridge, Mass. They had six children, namely: Merritt F., born March 15, 1815; Henry N., who was born May 15, 1817, and died September 21, 1818; Ralston H., the subject of this sketch; Dorinda W., born February 18, 1821; Thomas, Jr., born January 19, 1823; and David B. W., born September 13, 1826, who died July 25, 1829. Merritt F., who became a prosperous farmer, married Lavinia Damon, and had a family of six children. Dorinda W. married John T. Freeman, who was for many years cashier of the Windsor Savings Bank. She died August 16, 1862. Thomas, Jr., wedded Mary Smith, and resided at the homestead until his death, which occurred January 24, 1886.

Ralston H. Penniman as a boy attended school in his native town, and at an early age began to make himself useful upon the farm. After the death of his father he continued to live with his brothers at the homestead until 1867, when he decided to engage in farming upon his own account. He purchased the Waterman Spaulding farm, together with adjoining tracts of land, the whole amounting to four hundred acres, and entered upon the care and utilization of this property with an energy which insured success from the start. For many years he was extensively engaged in raising sheep, which was the source of considerable profit. He became widely and favorably known throughout this section in the days when sheep-raising was a prominent branch of agriculture, and gained both notoriety and wealth in the wool trade.

Mr. Penniman married Elizabeth Colby, daughter of Jesse and Lydia (Scott) Colby, of Plainfield. Mrs. Penniman died January 24, 1876, leaving four children, namely: Robert R., born December 16, 1867; Lydia S., born January 11, 1869; H. Dorinda, born January 22, 1871; and Brainard W., born October 2, 1874. Robert R. Penniman was graduated at Dartmouth College with the class of 1894, and is now assisting in the management of the home farm. He is actively interested in educational affairs, and is at the present time serving upon the School Board. Lydia S.

Penniman fitted herself for educational work at the Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H., and taught school for five years. She is now residing at the homestead, and presides over the household affairs. H. Dorinda also taught school for a time. She is now the wife of Frank W. Heywood, who is connected with a large harvesting concern in Indianapolis, Ind. They have one daughter — Gladys, born July 18, 1895. Brainard W. Penniman completed his studies at the Kimball Union Academy, and is now assisting upon the farm.

In politics Mr. Penniman is a Republican, and has frequently been nominated for public office; but his party was in the minority here. He takes a lively interest in political affairs; and so anxious was he to learn the result of the last national election, November, 1896, that he walked to Cornish Flat to obtain the news, and did not return until two o'clock the following morning. He is a regular attendant of the Congregational church, and contributes liberally toward its support.

HARVEY CHASE, a successful farmer and lumberman of Hopkinton, was born here, on Clement's Hill, April 3, 1829, son of Enoch J. and Sarah (Holmes) Chase. Enoch Chase moved to Concord, and in 1840 settled down again in Hopkinton on the farm now owned by his son. He bought a tract of land containing six hundred acres, lying along the Contoocook River, for five thousand dollars. This place was the old Folsom farm, which was considered quite an important piece of property, the buildings of which were erected by Mr. Folsom as they now stand. The location, known as the Chase Hill, commands a fine view of the surrounding country. Included in the purchase was Pond Mill, the site of which is now occupied by another mill. The tract was heavily timbered and a valuable one. Lumbering was Enoch's main dependence, and in this he was prosperous. Here he resided for some years. He died at his daughter's place in St. Johnsbury, Vt., October 16, 1879, at the age of seventy-eight. His second wife, Nancy Johnson Chase, was the widow of another Mr. Chase before her marriage to Enoch Chase. Her death in Wilmot, at the age of seventy-seven, preceded that of Enoch.

Harvey remained with his father until about twenty-three years of age, when he left the farm and passed nine years in Concord and two years in Chichester. From Chichester he returned to the old farm. He has here carried on general farming and lumbering, making somewhat of a specialty of the latter. He has added to the place, so that it now contains about a thousand acres and lies on both sides of the Contoocook River. He has rebuilt the mill, and operates it according to demand. The timber is very valuable, and the new growth quickly becomes available on account of its rapid increase. He recently sold the stumpage on two hundred acres for sixteen thousand five hundred dollars.

He has always shown himself to be a public-spirited man, and has filled many offices of trust. In 1852–53 he was Selectman and in 1854 Councilman. In 1879 he was elected to the State legislature. He is not actively identified with church interests, but his wife is a stirring worker in the Methodist Episcopal church. He has always been a stanch Republican.

Mr. Chase was married March 16, 1852, to Martha R., daughter of Charles C. and Olive (Crockett) Bennett. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, both natives of Freedom, N.H., were married in that town, and settled on a farm in Concord when Martha was two years old. The latter

was born in Freedom, July 9, 1834. Her mother lived with her after Martha's marriage, and died November 19, 1896, at the advanced age of eighty. Mr. and Mrs. Chase have two children, a son and a daughter. The son, Fred Harvey Chase, is with the family on the farm, and also has a steam-mill at Gilsum, near Keene. He is quite a successful business man. The daughter, Mattie Olive Chase, after graduating from the Warner High School, took a training-school course, and afterward taught for four years in the Concord schools. She was married March 17, 1897, to Joseph Newton Abbott, son of Isaac N. Abbott, of Concord. Two other children of Mr. Chase were: Mary Jane, who died aged fourteen; and Georgiana, who died when ten years old. Fred Harvey Chase, the only son, who resides with his parents, owns a steam-mill at Gilsum, near Keene. He was married March 10, 1897, to Lillian Idella Jackman, of Concord, daughter of Enoch and Mary E. (Moody) Jackman. She graduated at the Concord High School, was subsequently a student of the Concord Normal School and a teacher of the Walker School in that city. Mr. Chase, Sr., who is one of the sturdy, reliable, and hearty sort of men, has made a splendid success of his material life. He stands high in the regard of his townsmen, and well deserves the confidence and respect of all.

REV. JOHN VANNEVAR, born in South Malden, now Everett, Mass., on June 23, 1857, was the youngest of three children of Aaron B. and Dorothy G. Vannevar, both of whom were born in Amherst, Mass. He lived in the place of his birth until twelve years of age, when the family moved to Summer Street, Malden. He was educated in the public schools, completing the college course in the Malden High School and graduating in 1876. He then entered Tufts College, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1880, and taking a post-graduate course of one year. He was ordained to the work of the Christian ministry of the Universalist church in the home church of that faith in Malden on November 23, 1880. Called to the pastorate of the Universalist society in Amesbury in the summer of 1881, he remained there two years, during which period he was married to Gertrude F. Swasey, of Malden. Because of impaired health the winter of 1883 and 1884 was spent in Florida. Soon after returning, he accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Universalist Society of Canton, Mass., where were born a son and a daughter. In the winter of 1887, because of a bronchial affection, a leave of absence was granted him; and he spent a portion of the cold season in Southern California, but was suddenly called home by the illness of Mrs. Vannevar's mother. The month of March was passed in Lakewood, N.J., where so much benefit was received that pastoral work was immediately resumed. In the fall of 1892 he resigned the Canton pastorate, after nine years of service, and, in answer to a craving long possessed, purchased a large farm in East Concord, N.H., and moved thereon in October. Three years of farm life ended with a yearning for a return to pulpit work; and a call to the pastorate of the White Memorial (Universalist) Church of Concord was accepted in the summer of 1895, and work begun in the following September. In April, 1896, a daughter was born, and the following summer was spent in Europe. Soon after assuming charge of the Concord parish, residence was taken up in the city, where among a kindly people the days and weeks are being pleasantly passed.

CHARLES M. ROLFE, a well-known manufacturer of Concord, is a native of this city, born August 18, 1841, son of Nathaniel and Mary J. (Moody) Rolfe. His paternal grandfather, also named Nathaniel, was one of the pioneer settlers of Concord, and came here from Haverhill, Mass. He secured the first water-power operated on the Merrimack River, and carried on a considerable lumbering business besides being engaged in farming. This water-power is still in possession of the family, and has been for the past seventy-five years. Grandfather Rolfe died in 1829, full of years and honor, and left to his sons the valuable water privilege above mentioned, besides a large tract of timber land. Nathaniel Rolfe, Jr., father of Charles M., was also a farmer and lumberman. He carried on a large trade, and furnished lumber for the frames of many of the great mills at Lawrence and Lowell, Mass. He is still living, a hale and hearty man, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife was Miss Mary J. Moody, a daughter of Joseph Moody, of Canterbury. She became the mother of six children — Charles, Joseph, Abial, John, Mary, and Arthur. Mary died at the age of nine years. Joseph was a New Hampshire sharpshooter in the Civil War, and saw much active service. He is now a resident of Minneapolis, Minn., where he deals in real estate and operates a plant for the manufacture of dredging machines. He has held many responsible positions there, having been County Clerk and a member of the School Board. Abial Rolfe is in business with his brother Charles. He married Georgie J. Gage, daughter of Isaac K. Gage, and has three sons — Harry, Herbert, and Fred.

In 1866 Charles Rolfe, in company with his brother Abial, established the door, sash, and blind mill which they still carry on. They do a large business, employing about fifty men. They also carry on general farming to quite an extent. Mr. Rolfe married Maria L. Morrison, and has three sons — Harlow, Henry, and Ben; and a daughter, Mary, who is now a medical student in Boston.

Mr. Rolfe has taken an active part in public affairs, and has capably filled the office of Town Treasurer, and also that of Treasurer of the Boscawen schools. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being an active worker in the organization. He also belongs to Dustin Island Grange, P. of H., of Penacook. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist. In politics he is a Democrat, and cast his first Presidential vote for General McClellan in 1864.

WILLIAM P. WOOD, a farmer of Plainfield, was born here, December 29, 1859, son of Alban Palmer and Rhoda (Eaton) Wood, of this town. His grandfather, John Wood was the first male child born in Lebanon, N.H. John was one of the foremost and wealthiest farmers in the district and a very religious man. He married Persis Hyde, of Lebanon, who bore him eleven children; namely, Persis, John, Jr., Lucinda, Jemima, Sally, Thomas, Annie, Harriet, Martha, Palmer, and one child who died in infancy. Persis, who was born in 1797, and did not marry, died at the age of fifty. John Wood, Jr., born in 1799, who became a very prosperous farmer and a prominent man in Lebanon, served in all the town offices, and was a Representative to the General Court. He married Sylvia Whittaker, and had two sons — John and Joseph. Lucinda, born in 1801, married Samuel Wood, of Lebanon, a wealthy farmer and real estate owner, and had two children — Hannah and

Clara. Jemima, born in 1803, married Isaac Leighton, a farmer of Hartford, Vt. Sally, born in 1805, became Mrs. Silas Waterman, of Lebanon. Thomas, born in 1810, who became a wealthy farmer and speculator of Lebanon, married Joanna Davis, and had two daughters. Annie, born in 1812, died at the age of six. Harriet, born in 1814, married Allen H. Weld, of Lebanon, who was first a professor in a seminary of that town, and later a farmer and the Superintendent of Schools for the county of St. Croix, Wisconsin. Their son, Allen Palmer Weld, became a lawyer in River Falls, Wis., and is now Judge of Probate. Martha, born in 1816, was unmarried, and resided with her brother Thomas.

Alban Palmer Wood, born January 28, 1819, received his education in the schools of Lebanon, and afterward taught school for some years. He then went to Plainfield and took charge of a farm. Formerly he raised large numbers of sheep, when sheep-raising was a profitable industry for the New England farmer. He has filled many public positions in his town, and he has been a Justice of the Peace for more than thirty years. An attendant of the Baptist church, he is ever ready to support it financially as well as morally. A Mason of Cheshire Lodge, No. 23, of Cornish Flat, he has held all the offices in that body, and is very popular in the fraternity. His wife, Rhoda, who, born in 1822, died April 25, 1890, had five children — Alma, William P., Alban A., Frank H., and Byron Hayden. Alma H., born November 15, 1853, taught school for many years with remarkable success, and is now living with her father. Alban A., born May 15, 1856, settled in Lawrence, Mass., after his marriage, and was an overseer there. His wife, Grace V., born in 1857, died July 4, 1891. He now makes his home with his father, and has two children — Gertie L. and Byron M. Byron Hayden, born May 9, 1868, is an engineer in the employ of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company, running from West Lebanon to Concord on one of the express trains. He married Hattie Hurlburt, of West Lebanon, and has two children.

William P. Wood was a pupil of the common schools and Kimball Academy. Upon finishing school, he went to Boston, and was for a time employed as a private secretary. His health failing, he came back to New Hampshire, and at Meriden conducted for some time the store now managed by Chellis & Stickney. He then took charge of the farm he is now operating, and has since been engaged in agriculture and dairying. Mr. Wood is respected as a citizen. On November 2, 1886, he married Minnie B. Bean, whose father, Samuel Bean, is a wealthy resident of Lebanon, now retired from active business. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have no children. Mr. Wood is a Mason, having membership in Cheshire Lodge, No. 23, in which he has held all the offices, and which he has represented in the Grand Lodge. He attends the Baptist church.

EBENEZER LOVEREN, a practical farmer of Hopkinton, was born here, February 27, 1827, son of Captain Benjamin and Esther (Bartlett) Loveren, his parents being originally from Deering, Hillsborough County. His paternal grandparents were Ebenezer and Eunice (Hadlock) Loveren, who removed from Kensington, N.H., to Deering, where they settled. A separate sketch of Captain Benjamin Loveren appears on another page of this volume.

Ebenezer Loveren was the only child of his parents, and was born on the farm where he now lives and where he has spent his life up

to the present time. The house in which he resides, however, is not the old original farm-house, it having been built by his father in 1844. It is the place in which Captain Benjamin Loveren passed his last moments. Ebenezer assisted his father on the farm until the death of the latter, when he took charge of the property, which he has since improved. To the original farm has been added one-hundred acres, its present size being three hundred acres. Mr. Loveren owns also a two hundred-acre lot of pasture land in the town of Webster, of which he makes profitable use, besides about three hundred acres in towns near by. Besides carrying on general farming, he does a large trade in milk; and throughout his career he has shown a high degree of business ability in increasing his worldly possessions, having acquired quite a large amount of property in addition to his real estate.

Mr. Loveren has never married. He has never cared for public life, and does not express any political preferences. His household affairs have been most ably conducted for the past fifteen years by a valued housekeeper, Miss M. Esther Buswell, during the first three years of which period his father was living and formed a part of the domestic circle.

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN LOVEREN, who for nearly sixty years was one of the best-known and most highly esteemed citizens of Hopkinton, was born in Deering, Hillsborough County, N.H., September 11, 1805, son of Ebenezer and Eunice (Hadlock) Loveren. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and also became a noted school teacher, following that occupation very successfully for several years. Soon after attaining his majority, or in December, 1826, he came to Hopkinton, where he took up his residence; and he remained here until his death on May 14, 1885. Beginning with about one hundred acres of land, he added in course of time two hundred acres more, and also became the owner of some twenty thousand dollars' worth of other property. His home was in the Tyler district, where his only child, Ebenezer, now resides; and he was known as one of the most prosperous farmers in the town. His title of Captain was acquired in the State militia, in which he served efficiently for three years or more. Recognized by his fellow-townsmen as a man of integrity, sound judgment, and good business capacity, he was chosen by them to serve first as Selectman, and in 1848–49 as Representative of Hopkinton in the State legislature. He was also a delegate to the Constitutional Convention held soon after the above-mentioned date.

In 1826, the year in which he came to Hopkinton, he married Miss Esther Bartlett, daughter of Solomon and Anna (Stevens) Bartlett, of Deering. She died four years before her husband, passing away October 29, 1881, at the age of seventy-seven years. They were the parents of one child, Ebenezer, already mentioned, who inherits many of his father's best traits of character, and a sketch of whom may be found on another page of this volume. Captain Loveren had one sister and one brother, John Loveren, who resided on the old homestead in Deering, N.H. His wife had three brothers and eight sisters born on the old homestead in Deering.

ABIATHAR RICHARDS, a retired merchant of Newport, was born here, October 8, 1825, son of Seth and Fanny Richards, of Dedham, Mass. He is descended from Edward Richards, one of the twelve immigrants bearing that surname, who,

ABIATHAR RICHARDS.

according to the records of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, originally came from England to this country at different times in the period between 1630 and 1728, and whose descendants are to-day represented in the learned professions, the arts, commerce, and the general business of the country. Edward Richards, who arrived in 1632, was the sixth of the twelve referred to. With him, a fellow-passenger on the ship "Lion," was his brother Nathaniel, who afterward joined the party led by the Rev. Mr. Hooker through the wilderness to the valley of the Connecticut, and was among the founders of Hartford. While a resident of Cambridge, Mass., on September 10, 1638, Edward married Susan Hunting. He was afterward one of the sixty-two original proprietors of the town of Dedham, near Boston, where many of his descendants are to be found to-day. He spent the rest of his life in Dedham, and died there in 1684.

From Edward the line of descent comes through John (first), John (second), John (third), and Abiathar to the sixth generation, represented by Sylvanus, who in the beginning of this century moved with his family to Newport, N.H., and settled on a large tract of land in the western part of the township, on what is known as the "old road" to Claremont. Sylvanus Richards was for some years one of the largest land-owners and tax-payers in the town. In addition to conducting his farm he kept a wayside inn. About the year 1812 he moved to Newport village, and there became the proprietor of the Rising Sun Tavern. His wife, Lucy Richardson Richards, bore him four children. Of these Seth Richards, born in Dedham, February 20, 1792, grew up, and ultimately succeeded to the proprietorship of the Rising Sun. Captain Seth Richards, the name by which Seth was generally known, was an active business man of strict integrity, yet genial and benevolent, a gentleman of the old school. He was often called on for service in town offices, and in 1833 he was chosen to represent the community in the State legislature. After a time he gave up the hotel and turned his attention to store-keeping. In 1835, when the Cheneys retired from Newport, he purchased their stock in trade, together with the old stand, and afterward carried on the business successfully for many years. He relinquished this occupation in 1853, when he became interested in the Sugar River Flannel Mills. Finally he retired from active life about the year 1867. Captain Richards married April 8, 1817, Fanny Richards, of Dedham. They had two sons and six daughters. One of the sons was the Hon. Dexter Richards, who is well known throughout the State in business, social, political, and philanthropic circles.

Abiathar Richards, the younger of his parents' two sons, attended the schools of Newport, and was given a term at the Windsor Academy, Vermont. He began his mercantile career at the age of seventeen as a clerk. At the age of thirty, he opened a general store in Newport, which he afterward carried on most successfully for many years. In the year 1895 he retired from active business, and he has since been enjoying a well-earned rest in his beautiful home in Newport. He was married February 7, 1854, to Esther A. Durant, who was born December 16, 1830, daughter of Isaiah and Esther C. (Reed) Durant, of Langdon, N.H. He has two sons — Fred W. and Dexter A. Fred W., born in Newport, January 31, 1856, who is in business at Omaha, Neb., married Sarah E. Barton, of Newport, who has had one daughter, Christine, born October 30, 1883. Dexter A., born in Cambridgeport, Mass., November 11, 1868, who is a travelling salesman for a drug firm, married Ella M. Furlong, of Charles-

town, Mass. Mrs. Richards is a member of the Congregational church. The father, Abiathar Richards, is a Democrat in politics. For forty-seven years he has been a Mason of Mount Vernon Lodge, and has served in many of its offices. He is also connected with the Knights of Honor, Mount Coit Lodge, No. 86. A prominent man of his town, a good citizen, and a fine old gentleman, Mr. Richards is a worthy representative of the family.

WILLIAM W. AUSTIN, a farmer and drover of Webster, N.H., the son of Eldad and Naomi Austin, was born in Webster, then a part of Boscawen, July 1, 1829. His grandfather, Paul Austin, of Georgetown, Mass., was one of the first settlers of the town. Taking up land when the country around it was a wilderness, he cleared and brought under cultivation the large farm where the subject of this sketch now lives. He died in 1852; and his wife, Mehitable Lowell, of Georgetown, died in 1829. They had eight children — John, Sallie, Dorothy, Eldad, Eunice, Mary Ann, William, and Samuel.

Eldad, the second son, and the father of Mr. William W. Austin, adopted farming as his occupation, and remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he bought a farm near by, where he spent the rest of his life. He was a Deacon of the Congregational church at Webster for forty years. He died April 15, 1883, at the age of eighty-three. His wife, Naomi, a native of Webster, died August 15, 1891, aged eighty-nine. They are survived by two of their children, namely: Mary Ann, whose husband, Sherman Little, died September 20, 1895; and William W., of whom we shall now speak.

William W. Austin received his advanced education at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H. He lived at home until he was twenty-eight years of age, when he began to buy and sell cattle, going to Brighton and Watertown markets. He also dealt extensively in lumber, and was on the road the greater part of the time. He was in this business up to about four years ago, but since then he has engaged in general farming and the milk business. His farm consists of about two hundred and fifty acres of well-improved land, and the buildings are new and substantial. He keeps on an average twenty cows, and sells his milk to Whiting & Sons. In politics Mr. Austin is a stanch Republican, and he always takes an active interest in public affairs. He represented his district in the legislature in 1885, and he has been Selectman in the town for eight years. He is connected with the Masonic order, being a member of Harris Lodge, No. 91, A. F. & A. M., of Warner, N.H.

He was married January 1, 1857, to Miss Abbie Cook Morse, a daughter of Samuel and Judith Morse, of Craftsbury, Vt. By this union he had four children, namely: George S., born September 27, 1858, who died March 12, 1894; Henry Herbert, who was born November 19, 1862, was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1885, married Hattie Stott, and lives in Arlington, Mass., where he is engaged as a civil engineer; Mary Abbie, born October 29, 1864, now a nurse living in Boston; and Louisa, born January 29, 1867, who lives at home with her father. Mrs. Abbie C. Austin died October 21, 1880; and Mr. Austin was again married April 25, 1882, to Alma E., the daughter of Erastus and Elizabeth (Morse) Blanchard, of Vermont. She was born in Greensboro, Vt., January 13, 1849. Both Mr. and Mrs. Austin are members of the Congregational church in Webster village.

WILLIAM HALL, the enterprising proprietor of Langdon Creamery, Langdon, N.H., and dealer in butter, cream, milk, eggs, chickens, pork, and other farm and dairy products, was born in Claremont, this State, March 23, 1850. He is a son of Jonathan and Caroline L. (Leet) Hall and a descendant of one of the oldest families in Sullivan County.

Both his grandfather and his great-grandfather Hall bore the Christian name of Jonathan. Grandfather Hall was born August 25, 1776, in Spencer, Mass., whence he came to Langdon when a young man. He afterward removed to Claremont, where he died in 1854. In his active years he followed the occupations of a farmer, carpenter, and cooper; and he fought in the War of 1812. He married Sally Prouty, whose father was a very influential citizen of Spencer, Mass. She was born in 1779, and died in 1871. They were the parents of eleven children, two sons and nine daughters, Jonathan, third, being the youngest son.

Jonathan Hall, third, was born in Langdon, June 19, 1815, and is now living in Keene, N.H. After leaving school, he learned the trade of a shoemaker and later that of a carpenter. Since then he has been variously employed as an architect, inventor, manufacturer, and millwright. Many of the machines built by C. B. Rogers, of Norwich, Conn., were designed by him. He was the builder of the only floating saw-mill known and built in Quebec, and the largest saw-mill in that Province, over one hundred men being employed in the construction work. Mention should also be made of the Orcutt, Charles Bridgeman, and Sprague Blocks in Keene, besides a number of other buildings in that city and in Langdon. Though strong-willed and somewhat stern in his bearing, he is known as a man of high moral principles, and is an honored and respected citizen. In political views he is a Republican, but his life work has lain in other fields than that of politics. He is a member of the Second Advent church.

His wife, Caroline L., is a daughter of Andrew Leet, of Claremont, N.H., a descendant of Governor Leete, of Connecticut. She was born in 1818. They have had six children, all boys, as follows: Leonard T., Edward, Franklin, William, Henry, and Fred, of whom the three eldest served in the Rebellion, and Franklin, born in Claremont, died of starvation in Andersonville Prison. Leonard T., born in Drewsville, Cheshire County, was in the Third New Hampshire Infantry. After the war he became a harness-maker, and subsequently followed that occupation. Dying in 1892, he left a widow and two children. Edward Hall, also a native of Drewsville, who was in the Second New Hampshire Regiment, was a machinist in Claremont. He died in 1870, and is survived by four children. Henry, born in Claremont, is a farmer in Alstead, is married, and has two children. Frederick, born in Claremont, who died in 1885, was a carpenter in Keene. He married, and had one child that died in infancy.

William Hall acquired his education in the schools of Keene and Swanzey, N.H., after which he worked at wood-turning three years. He then took up carpentry, which he followed with his father for a time; and later he became interested with him in the manufacture of farming tools at Keene. Seven years ago he purchased the farm he now occupies; and for the past three years, in addition to farming, he has carried on an extensive business as proprietor and manager of the Langdon Creamery.

Mr. Hall married Mamie L. Johnson, of Swanzey, N.H., who was born in 1855 in Marlboro, N.H. Their five children are all living, namely: Cyrene, born in 1876; James A., born in 1878; Jonathan, born in 1880; Ira A., born in 1884; and Emery Wyman, born in 1893. At the present time Mr. Hall is serving as a Selectman of the town, also as a member of the School Board. Honest and temperate, like his father, he is highly esteemed as a useful citizen and a good neighbor.

ALBION H. FRENCH, M.D., a well-known physician of Pittsfield, was born in Gilmanton N.H., March 27, 1847, son of Thomas H. and Sarah Ann (Brown) French. His great-grandfather, Ezekiel French, an Englishman, who was a pioneer of either Loudon or Hampton, N.H., spent his last days in Loudon, where he owned a farm. The second of Ezekiel's two marriages was contracted with Sallie Smith. His son John was a native of Loudon. When a young man, John settled in Gilmanton, where he became a wealthy farmer, and died at the age of seventy-five years. He married Lucy T. Prescott, who lived to the advanced age of ninety-three or ninety-four years. She reared five children, of whom Thomas H., Albion H. French's father, was the eldest. Of these children the survivors are: Ann M., the widow of William Brackett, late of Epsom, N.H.; and Warren B. The other two sons, John O. and Samuel P., were graduates of Dartmouth College and physicians. In the latter part of his life the father was a Republican. Both he and his wife were members of the Congregational church.

Thomas H. French was born in Gilmanton in 1815. In early manhood he engaged in agriculture with a determination to succeed. He was rapidly becoming prosperous when he died, in the prime of life, aged thirty-seven years. He held a Captain's commission in the State militia, and was about to be promoted at the time of his death. Politically, he acted with the Republican party. His wife, Sarah Ann, who was a daughter of Richard Brown, of Loudon, became the mother of five children, of whom Merven E. and Albion H. are living. Merven E. French married Addie M. Gilman, and has three children — John H., Mabel, and William A. Mrs. Thomas H. French died at about the same age as her husband. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Albion H. French attended the academies in Pembroke and Pittsfield and the Northwood Seminary. He fitted for college at the Gilmanton Academy, took a partial college course under Professor E. R. Avery of Tilton Seminary and at the University of Vermont. Then he entered the medical department of the University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1875. After that he pursued his medical studies at Long Island and New York City. He was a delegate to the National Medical Convention in New York City in 1880. The first eight years of professional life were passed in Epsom, N.H. From that town he moved to Leominster, Mass., where he practised four years. After residing in Gilmanton for a short time on account of poor health, he in 1892 located in Pittsfield and has since remained here. He is regarded as a skilful and reliable physician. He has a large and lucrative practice, and is much sought for in all the adjoining towns.

Dr. French has been twice married. His first marriage was contracted September 23, 1873, with Emogene F. Grant, a native of Gilmanton. She died at the age of forty-one years, leaving one daughter, Ethel M. Dr.

French was again married on September 19, 1892, to Lila M. Thompson, of Chichester, N.H. In politics Dr. French supports the Republican party, and he is chairman of the Board of Education in Pittsfield. He is highly esteemed by all. Mrs. French is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES S. ROWELL, a farmer and the Postmaster of West Hopkinton, was born June 26, 1857, in the house which he now occupies, son of Isaac and Harriet (Adams) Rowell. This farm was owned by his great-grandfather, who settled here shortly after the Revolutionary War, probably about 1780, and was the birthplace of his grandfather, Moses Rowell, who was born November 29, 1776. Moses lived on the farm both during his father's lifetime and after his death, when he became its owner. At one time he owned some mills; but after a while he sold them, devoting himself exclusively to the farm. On November 26, 1801, he married Tamesin Eastman, who had eight children — Abram, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Abram, Isaac, Albert G., Achsa, and Roxana. Abram died at the age of seven years, Albert at the age of five, and Achsa in infancy.

Isaac Rowell, born April 19, 1813, remained on the farm with his father until he was sixteen years of age. Then he learned the carpenter's trade, which he afterward followed until his marriage, on which occasion he returned to the farm. He made several additions to the farm, which contained in his time about three hundred acres of land. In 1840, February 20, he married Harriet R. Adams, a daughter of James and Lydia Johnson Adams, of Henniker. They had five children, namely: James A. and Harriet Ella, who died in infancy; Harriet Ella (second), who on October 24, 1866, married Frank Howlett, of Bradford; Mary E., who married June 9, 1874, George Gove, of Henniker; and Charles S., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Howlett died June 23, 1873.

Charles S. Rowell has spent his life on the farm, which was also the home of his father, his grandfather, and his great-grandfather. He has made the dairy the especial feature. Since the post-office was established at West Hopkinton, May 29, 1857, when Joseph P. Dow was made Postmaster, it has been twice in charge of members of the Rowell family. Charles Rowell has now held the position for eighteen years. He married Florence S. Goodwin, December 25, 1882. They have no children. The Rowells have been a family of stanch Democrats. An industrious farmer and a good citizen, Charles S. Rowell is much esteemed by all who know him.

NATHANIEL EVERETT MARTIN,* a successful attorney and well-known business man of Concord, was born in Loudon, N.H., August 9, 1855, son of Theophilus B. and Sarah L. (Rowell) Martin. He is of Scotch-Irish blood on the paternal side, being a direct descendant of William Martin, who came to this country from Ireland about the year 1732. Landing in Boston, William Martin went thence to Londonderry, N.H., from which place he removed subsequently to Pembroke, Merrimack County. James Martin, the great-grandfather of Nathaniel E., served with the rank of Ensign during the Revolutionary War, and died before the cause of American independence was achieved. Mr. Martin's maternal ancestors were English, and first located in Haverhill, Mass., whence Grandfather Rowell removed to Loudon, N.H.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the district school of Loudon and in the public schools of Concord, completing his studies in the Concord High School at the age of twenty years. He studied law with Sargeant & Chase, was admitted to the bar August 14, 1879, and immediately began the practice of his profession. After practising alone until May, 1885, he then became associated with Mr. J. A. Albin, the partnership continuing until September, 1896, when Mr. Dewitt C. Howe was admitted to the firm. In 1887 Mr. Martin organized the Concord Building and Loan Association, of which he has since been treasurer. He is also treasurer and director of the Sullivan County Railroad. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party; and he served as County Solicitor from July 1, 1887, to July, 1889. Fraternally, he belongs to Rumford Lodge, No. 46, I. O. O. F., of which he is Past Grand Master.

WILLIAM F. WADLEIGH, a farmer of Webster, is a native of Laconia, born January 24, 1837, son of Nathaniel R. and Polly H. (Ray) Wadleigh. The father, who was a prominent farmer of Laconia, and was born in 1802, died in 1854. The mother, born March 4, 1806, died in 1870. They had eight children, namely: Mary, now deceased, who was the wife of William Barrett, of Nashua, N.H.; Eliza, deceased, who was the wife of William Thompson, of Barrington, N.H.; Isaac, who married Abbie Davis, now deceased, and lives in Ludlow, Vt.; Almira, deceased, who married James Filgate, of Laconia; Catherine, who is the widow of Amos B. Tibbetts, and lives in Barrington, N.H.; Chase, who married Mary Foss, and resides in Hastings, Minn.; William F., the subject of this article; and Horace, who married Hettie Haywood, and lives in Ludlow, Vt.

At the early age of eleven years William F. Wadleigh went to Gilford, N.H., and worked out on the different farms until twenty-one years old, when he tried his fortunes in Lawrence, Mass. Here he was employed for eight years in the soap factory of L. Beach & Son. After his first marriage Mr. Wadleigh removed from Lawrence to Laconia; and four years later he entered on his present farm of five hundred acres in Webster, where he has since lived. He carries on general farming, and raises stock of all kinds. Outside his agricultural occupations he is interested in the Merrimack Fire Insurance Company, of which he is a director. In politics he favors the Prohibition party. He has been Road Surveyor, and he was Selectman from 1887 to 1889.

On August 6, 1861, Mr. Wadleigh married Abbie Proctor, of Derry, N.H. Born July 31, 1828, she died October 5, 1886. Her children were: Allen B., born November 23, 1863, who died October 10, 1864; one who died in infancy; Charles C., born September 16, 1867, who died October 14, 1889; and Anna P., born October 11, 1868, who died August 6, 1894. Anna married Luther C. Putney, of Webster, who now makes his home with Mr. Wadleigh; and they have one child, Winnifred Maud, born October 2, 1893. Mr. Wadleigh contracted a second marriage May 19, 1888, with Mrs. Mary Calef Bean, the widow of John C. Bean, and a daughter of Garland and Maria T. (Fitz) Calef. Her father, who was a farmer and a resident of Boscawen, died in this township at the age of ninety. Mrs. Wadleigh was born March 26, 1842. She is a member of the Baptist church at Warner. Mr. Wadleigh is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Webster, and

takes an active interest in church affairs. He belongs to the Daniel Webster Grange at Webster, and is one of the best known of Webster's townspeople.

ALFRED WOODMAN, a successful farmer of Plainfield, Sullivan County, N.H., and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in Newburyport, Mass., March 9, 1834, son of Daniel and Sarah (Hall) Woodman. His grandfather, Joseph Woodman, was a native of Newbury, Mass., and a cabinet-maker by trade. He was twice married; and his second wife was Abigail Atkinson, of Newbury, who reared the following children: William, Edna, Abbie, Jane, Hannah, Betsey, Phœbe, David, John, James, Joseph, and Daniel.

William Woodman became a prominent business man of Dover, N.H., was a man of strict integrity, and for a period of fifty years was president of two banks. He married Rebecca Wheeler, of Dover. Edna, Abbie, and Jane remained single, and passed their lives in Newburyport. Hannah became the wife of Major Nathaniel Coffin, a wealthy and influential citizen of that city. Betsey married Daniel Lunt, a merchant and farmer of Newbury, and had two children. Phœbe married Captain Thomas Disney, of Newburyport, and had a family of four children. David was a cooper by trade, and resided in Newburyport. He married, and had a family of three children, two of whom are living. John was a shoe dealer in Newburyport. He married Eliza Little, and had three children. James learned the mason's trade, and followed it in Boston; was the father of three children. Joseph followed the trade of a mason in the same city, and was the father of four children.

Daniel Woodman, Alfred Woodman's father, was born in Newbury in the year 1800. He learned the painter's trade; and, settling in Newburyport, he carried on business as a house, ship, and sign painter for many years. He acquired a high reputation in his calling, and accumulated considerable property. He died June 14, 1874. His wife was Sarah Hall, a native of Canterbury, N.H. They had five children, as follows: Sarah, born September 25, 1829; Caroline, born October 9, 1831; Alfred, the subject of this sketch; Mary, born June 17, 1837; and Charles, born April 7, 1841. Sarah died December 24, 1850. Caroline became the wife of Samuel Jones, of Newburyport, a member of the firm of Jones, Spear & Lane, dry-goods merchants, Boston. She died in 1883, leaving one son, John Henry. Mary prepared herself for educational work, and during the greater part of the time for the past twenty years she has been teaching in Lisbon, Portugal. She came back to the United States some three years ago, and erected a handsome residence in Central Square, Woburn, Mass., but later decided to return to Lisbon. Charles is a merchant in Boston.

Alfred Woodman, after completing his education in the high school of Newburyport, began to learn the tailor's trade with Charles Pool & Co., with whom he remained two years. In company with several other youths he then shipped on board the "Oliver Putnam," bound for Havre, France. The vessel sailed on Friday; and about three days later she met with a serious mishap, which damaged her to the extent of many thousands of dollars. She was finally towed into New York. Cured of his sea craze for a time, young Woodman then went to Concord, N.H., where he finished his trade with Lincoln & Shaw, the future Governor Tuttle of New Hampshire being an apprentice in the same shop during

his two years' service with this firm. The effects of the disaster which befell his first attempt to go to sea having disappeared, he was again seized with a desire to see the world; and he shipped on board the "Castilian" for a voyage to Peru. His experience this time was of a more satisfactory nature; and, after his return some fifteen months later, he again shipped upon the same vessel for Liverpool. He made five trips to South America on board the "Castilian."

At the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in Company B, Second Regiment, New Hampshire Volunteers. He was in the battles of first Bull Run, Drury's Bluff, Williamsburg, Oak Grove, Yorktown, Fredericksburg, Glendale, Fair Oaks, and Gettysburg. He was captured by the enemy, and his confinement in Libby and Belle Isle Prisons so injured his health that he now receives a pension from the government. After his discharge he shipped as mate of the schooner "Hiawatha," which was commanded by his cousin, Captain Disney, with whom he made coasting trips for a short time. Returning to Concord, he engaged in the tailoring business, which he followed successfully for eight years. Indoor confinement, however, proved disastrous to his already undermined health; and he was obliged to seek some open-air employment. He accordingly about twenty years ago purchased his present farm in Plainfield, where he has derived much benefit from the invigorating atmosphere, and has devoted his energies to general farming. His property, which consists of about three hundred acres, is one of the most valuable estates in this town. It is situated upon the east bank of the Connecticut River in the midst of mountain and valley scenery, and contains a substantial brick residence and well-constructed out-buildings. His principal attention is given to raising sheep for wool, which he has found a profitable enterprise. He has no desire for political prominence, but as a supporter of the Republican party he takes an active part in town meetings and conventions; and, if matters are not altogether to his liking, he is sure to be heard from.

Mr. Woodman married Maria T. Gallup, who was born in Plainfield, July 19, 1838, daughter of Captain Thomas F. Gallup of this town. She is the mother of three children, namely: Ellen Edna, born March 5, 1868; Fred T., born June 28, 1871; and Kate K., born March 17, 1875. Ellen Edna completed her studies at the Kimball Union Academy, and is residing at home. Fred T. is a graduate of the high school at White River Junction, Vt., and is now studying law with the Hon. John L. Spring, of Lebanon, N.H. Kate K. was graduated from the Kimball Union Academy, and has been teaching school in Plainfield for the past three years.

Mr. Woodman is a comrade of E. E. Sturtevant Post, No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic, of Concord. He attends the Baptist church. Upright and fair-dealing, he is regarded with the highest esteem by his neighbors and acquaintances, who are always willing listeners to his narrations of adventure which his personal experience is able to furnish in abundance. In 1887 he accompanied an old school friend who was suffering from mental affliction upon a two months' trip to the Azores, and his description and his remarks concerning it are exceedingly witty and interesting.

WILLIAM LEAVITT BENNETT, a prominent resident of Andover, was born in the town of Loudon, this State, January 16, 1837. His grandfather, Jeremiah Bennett, formerly of Kingston, ac-

companied by a neighbor named Clough, journeyed from there to Loudon, carrying his luggage and implements on a hand-barrow. Having chosen a tract of timbered land favorably situated, he felled a few trees, and built a log hut. He had been a reed-maker by trade; but, after coming to Loudon, he devoted himself to clearing his land and to tilling the soil. He gradually placed it under cultivation; and, when he died, at the ripe age of ninety-five years, he could look with pride on a well-improved farm, won from a wilderness through his own industry and courage. His wife's name before marriage was Alice Courrier. Their son Amos grew up on the farm, and was from boyhood trained to agricultural pursuits, in which he was engaged throughout the rest of his life. A man of thrift and industry, he increased the tillage area of the farm. His wife, who was christened Nancy Batchelder, became the mother of four sons and one daughter — Lucretia N., William L., Jeremiah F., True H., and Joseph Clark. True fought in the late war with the Ninth New Hampshire Cavalry, and lost his life in the service. Jeremiah lives in Rockford, Ill.; and Joseph Clark resides at Oelwein, Ia.

William Leavitt Bennett was educated in the public schools of his native town. Afterward he learned the carpenter's trade, and worked in factories at Concord and Laconia, this State, and in Springfield, Mass. For a time, also, he was night watch at a shoe factory in Concord and a keeper at the Concord Insane Asylum. Later he purchased the Dr. Henry Weymouth place on Taunton Hill, Andover, and has since resided there.

On the 18th of April, 1863, he was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Captain William and Lydia (Stevens) Huntoon, of Andover. Mrs. Bennett received her early education in the district schools of Andover, and then attended the Andover Academy for three years. She became a successful teacher, and taught for some time in Andover, Salisbury, Boscawen, Franklin, and Concord grammar schools before her marriage. Mr. Bennett is a member of the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat, and his first Presidential vote was cast for Stephen A. Douglas. He takes a keen interest in all public questions, and he has been chosen to serve as a member of the Board of Selectmen of the town.

ELI A. BOUTWELL, a farmer and lumberman of Hopkinton, N.H., son of Samuel P. and Lydia A. (Allen) Boutwell, was born in Barre, Vt., February 25, 1833. His lineage has not been traced; but a little research would probably show that he belongs to the old New England family of Boutwells, of which the Hon. George S. Boutwell, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, is a representative. Its founder, James Boutwell, said to have been made a freeman in Lynn, Mass., in 1638 or 1639, died in 1651, leaving a wife Alice, sons James and John, and a daughter Sarah. The sons married, and settled in Reading, Mass., John being the ancestor of the distinguished statesman. Some of the descendants of the second James, and perhaps others, have spelled the name Boutelle.

Nehemiah Boutwell, grandfather of Eli A., of Hopkinton, was a native of Vermont, and served in the Revolutionary War at the time of the raid on Plattsburg, N.Y., when the English made a naval display. He married Susannah Holt. Samuel P., his eldest child, was born in 1806 in Barre, Vt. He married Lydia A. Allen, a daughter of Nathan and Esther (Paine) Allen. She was a relative of Ethan Allen, and resided in Brookfield, Vt.

Samuel P. Boutwell and his wife reared fourteen children, only seven of whom are at present living, most of them in Vermont. Samuel Edson lives in Hopkinton, as did Elmer, who is now deceased. Seven of the sons were in the army; and of these Luther died in Virginia, and Augustus retired and died in his own State from the effects of army service.

Eli A. Boutwell, the subject of this sketch, during his early years remained at home on the farm at Barre, Vt. He received the education of the common schools of the town; and at the age of nineteen he left his native place, and went to Hookset, N.H., where he learned to make shoes. Coming to Hopkinton in 1853, and in 1856 removing to Meredosia, Morgan County, Ill., he continued in the same business, remaining at Meredosia until 1860, when he went to Berlin, Ill. On August 15, 1862, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Sixth Illinois Regiment, Company A, under Colonel Lathrop and Captain Henry Yates, half brother to Dick Yates, the famous war governor of Illinois. Mr. Boutwell was in service in Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, Arkansas, and other places. In June, 1863, he was in active service before Vicksburg during the siege; and after the fall of Vicksburg he was sent to Helena, Ark., under General Steele, also to Little Rock, Ark., the Federal forces taking possession of the city. He entered the army as private, and was promoted to Sergeant, and in July was sent to a military school at Philadelphia, Pa., where he remained for a short time. He afterward rejoined his regiment at Little Rock, Ark., and went with them to Pine Bluff, where they were stationed until the close of the war, when he was discharged, and returned to Hopkinton, N.H.

In 1869 Mr. Boutwell left his business of shoemaking and went to farming, also engaging in lumbering; and in 1872 he purchased the farm in Hopkinton where he now resides. He also at the same time purchased the mill property, which was somewhat dilapidated, and at once rebuilt it, and has since built several additions. He now has an extensive plant, and is doing a large business, having generally ten men and about eight teams. He has recently added steam, thereby increasing to more than double the former capacity of his mill. He handles a large amount of lumber annually, and is said to have a ready market for what he can furnish, especially in Concord. His farm contains about fifty-five acres, besides which he owns several tracts of timber land, making in all about four hundred acres. He has served the town in official capacity for many years, having been Collector of Taxes in 1874 and 1875, Assessor and appraiser of real estate in 1875, Selectman from 1876 to 1878, being chairman of the board. In 1879 and 1880 he served as Representative, and from 1882 to 1888 he was supervisor of the check list. In 1892 he was again one of the Selectmen.

On March 27, 1855, Mr. Boutwell married Harriet Walker Weeks, who was born in Hopkinton, N.H., June 1, 1829, a daughter of Thomas J. and Hannah (Smith) Weeks. Her paternal grandfather, Captain William Weeks, a graduate of Harvard College, served on the staff of Washington in the Revolutionary War. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boutwell, namely: Rozella, who died at the age of two years; Harvey Lincoln; Henry Beecher Allen; Arthur Jefferson; and Ella, who died when fourteen years of age. Harvey Lincoln Boutwell, born April 5, 1860, was graduated in 1882 from the New Hampshire State College and in 1886 from Boston University School of Law, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He is now a coun-

sellor-at-law in the city of Boston, Mass., and is also serving his third term in the State legislature. He resides in Malden, Mass. December 28, 1886, he married Nellie C. Booth. They have two children — Robert Dewey and Louis Evans. Henry Beecher Allen Boutwell lives near his father. He married Alice Montgomery in 1885, and has had two children — Ernest Allen; and Nellie Maria, who died at the age of one year. Arthur J. Boutwell is now in business with his father, and is superintendent of the mill. April 12, 1890, he married Carrie J. Fitts. They have had three children, namely: Carrie Ella, who died at the age of four months; Earle Fitts; and LeRoy Arthur. Mr. Eli A. Boutwell has built up a large business, in which he has been successful; and he is at present taking an active part in it. He is alive to all the interests of the town, and enjoys the respect of his fellow-citizens. He is a Past Commander of Post No. 5, Grand Army of the Republic, of Hopkinton, N.H.

CHARLES MORTIMER BINGHAM, a former well-known merchant of Claremont, Sullivan County, N.H., was born in New London, Conn., February 22, 1804, son of Nathan Bingham. His father settled in Claremont in 1809. He was a hatter by trade, and carried on a large and successful business here. He was a musician, and played the bass-viol in the Episcopal church for years. He died at the age of seventy-eight. He had six children. His daughter Lucretia married Ralph Metcalf, who became the governor of New Hampshire. Her sister Elizabeth married Luther S. Porter, and Maria became the wife of Henry W. Galpin. Silas L., one of the three sons, was a professional voice teacher. He died in Cleveland, Ohio. George, the only surviving member of the family, resides in Minneapolis, Minn. Both Elizabeth and Silas Bingham had remarkable voices.

In 1818, at the age of fourteen, Charles Mortimer Bingham began to fit himself for a business career by entering the employ of Josiah Stevens & Sons, dealers in general merchandise, his father, Nathan Bingham, having made an agreement with the firm that, under certain conditions, he should remain with them until twenty-one years of age. We copy, with a few verbal corrections, the following well-told story of his life and character: "A typical New Englander, having completed his term of service with Josiah Stevens, he struck out for himself. He left Claremont with little capital, but with a good deal of honest purpose, and engaged in business in Greenbush, Vt. From thence he went to Chester, where he did a thriving business until 1837, when he was induced by friends to return to Claremont. A copartnership was formed in April of that year with Mr. Stevens, under the firm name of C. M. Bingham & Co., dealers in hardware, dry goods, and groceries. The firm existed until the sudden death of Mr. Stevens, which occurred September 18, 1842. With the exception of three years in partnership with a son of his former partner, Mr. Bingham continued alone until, having passed forty-one years of his life in the mercantile line, he closed up his affairs in 1871, and retired from active business.

"Possessed of a vigorous intellect, he early attracted the notice of his fellow-citizens, and by them was called to many important posts, the duties of which he discharged to their acceptance. He represented his town in General Court for four years, was for many years Town Treasurer, and, save with few exceptions, was elected Moderator at the annual

town meetings for more than thirty years. He was one of the prime movers in 1843 in organizing the parish of Trinity Church, was the first Warden elected, which position he held continuously for thirty years, and had previously held that office in Union Church. He inherited great capabilities for music, had sedulously studied its theory, and on all occasions did much to encourage the science in Claremont. He was for many years chorister of his church, his sister, Mrs. Porter, singing in his choir.

"He married first Mary, daughter of George Cook, of Cornish. His second wife was Abby Fairbanks, of Charlestown, by whom he had six children — Catherine F., Charles E., Mary C., William M., John F., and Lucy F. The four last survived him. He married third Mrs. Lydia Ballou Perry, widow of Mr. Lewis Perry, of Claremont. She is a descendant of John Chamberlain, who occupies a prominent position in the early history of Westmoreland, New Hampshire.

"Mr. Bingham died March 5, 1888, at the age of eighty-four years. He was a man of kindly disposition, of unusual energy and industry, and of unblemished honor and integrity. A gentleman of the olden time, he was distinguished for many excellent personal qualities, was of singularly pure and abstemious habits, witty and genial withal, and dearly beloved by those who had the good fortune to know him intimately. In him even old age appeared delightful. He is inadequately praised when he is named one of the best men who ever lived in Claremont."

ALBON LOVERIN, a prominent farmer of Northfield, is a native of Springfield, N.H. He was born May 24, 1851, son of Austin C. and Lavina A. (Morrill) Loverin. The father, who was a farmer, died in 1868. He was twice married. The children of his first marriage were: Elijah W. and Gilbert, both of whom are now deceased. His second wife, Lavina, a native of Wilmot, bore him six other children, namely: Oliver B., who resides in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Sarah, who is the wife of George Morgan, of Springfield, N.H.; Ara M., who is a hotel keeper of Concord; Daniel O., now deceased; and Ida L., who lives in New London, N.H.

Albon Loverin, the fourth child of his parents, received his education in the common schools. After attaining his majority, he worked out on farms around Springfield and at Francestown for a time. Subsequently he was employed in Hanover eight years and in Manchester three years. Mr. Loverin came to Northfield in 1885, and bought the estate near Tilton village known as the Chase Wyatt farm, upon which he now resides. It contains seventy-five acres. Since it came into his possession he has made some improvements. Besides carrying on general farming, he keeps a dairy, which yields him considerable profit. In November of the same year he married Miss Jennie L. McDowell, who was born May 18, 1858, in Heighgate, Vt., daughter of Leonard and Winnifred (Burt) McDowell. Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, who came originally from Montreal, Canada, settled in Eden, Vt., and passed the last part of their lives in that town. Mr. Loverin's only child, Gracie Belle, is now seven years old.

In the summer season the family residence is one of the many New Hampshire homes opened to the city dweller who wishes to rest and recreate amid beautiful and healthful surroundings. About twenty boarders are accommodated here every year. The estate is now called, and very appropriately, "Mountain View Farm." Mr. Loverin is a Democrat,

DANIEL DOWNES.

and has always stood by his party. He is well known and esteemed throughout the county.

DANIEL DOWNES, a well-known resident of Andover, was born in Salisbury, N.H., June 10, 1837. His father was Isaac Downes, who came from Maine, his native State, successively bought a farm in Salisbury and Ellsworth, lived on each for a time, and then removed to Lowell, Mass., where he kept a boarding-house until his death. Isaac married Mary A. Cilly, of West Andover; and their children were: Philip, Leonard, Priscilla, Lydia, Ann, Ellen, Daniel, and Isaac. Philip Downes, who was a soldier in the Union Army, died from the effect of wounds received in the battle of Gettysburg. Leonard was killed in a railroad accident in 1859. Priscilla, Ann, and Ellen are also deceased. Lydia, who resides at Franklin, is the widow of the late Mark J. Levenworth; while Isaac, a resident of Andover, is a well-known lumber merchant.

Daniel Downes received his education in the town school of Lowell. Then he went to work in one of the mills, and later was engaged in teaming for three years. At the expiration of that time he came to Andover and hired a farm on Taunton Hill, which he afterward conducted for about four years. After this Mr. Downes did teaming for the peg mills, furnished wood for the Winnepesaukee Paper Mills and other corporations, and was at the same time running a saw-mill and working up a lumber business for himself. He also opened a general merchandise store in the village of Potter Place, where he built a fine set of buildings about fifteen years ago. Mr. Downes is a self-made man. Always active and enterprising, prosperity has crowned his efforts.

Mrs. Downes was before marriage Jane Kenniston, daughter of Calvin and Elizabeth (Hoyt) Kenniston. Her children — Edward, Ida J., Fred E., Marcilla M., Jessie M., and Bert W. — are all married; and there is a rising generation of fifteen grandchildren. Mr. Downes is well known as an active member of the social and benevolent organizations of Andover. Also interested in the administrative affairs of the town, he has been Selectman and Road Agent; and in 1893–94 he was its Representative in the State legislature. He has served on the School Board at Cilleyville, and is a member of the grange. In politics he is a Democrat, and his first vote was cast for Stephen A. Douglas in 1860. He is one of the most active members of the Universalist society here, which relies on him for generous support when necessary.

HIRAM C. ELLENWOOD,* a carpenter and undertaker of Charlestown, N.H., was born in Woodward, Vt., November 26, 1826, son of Cyrus and Sally (Draper) Ellenwood. His grandfather, Joseph Ellenwood, was a native of Greenfield, N.H., where he also resided during the greater part of his life, engaged in general farming. He married Mary Punchard, who became the mother of nine children. Their son, Cyrus, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Greenfield, N.H., in 1782. He was a shoemaker by trade, and removed to Charlestown at the age of fifty years. In 1811 he married Sally Draper, and they had seven children — Sally, Harvey, Simeon, Frances, Hiram (the subject of this sketch), Warren F., and Sarah.

Hiram C. Ellenwood spent his school days in Acworth, N.H., where he stayed until he was twelve years of age. He then went to

Charlestown, and worked on different farms outside the village. When he was twenty years old, he began to learn the carpenter's trade, serving as an apprentice for three years. He afterward went to Boston, where he worked at his trade for two years. On his return he continued as a carpenter; but, becoming sexton for the Unitarian church, he entered also into the business of undertaking, which he has continued for thirty-five years. He is one of the prominent Democrats of Charlestown, and has served on public committees on several occasions. He was appointed Town Sexton in 1861, which position he has since held. In October, 1855, Mr. Ellenwood married Martha Clark, who was born in Newbury, Vt., a daughter of Moses Clark. They had one son, Simeon, who died in infancy.

ALBERT P. DAVIS, attorney-at-law and one of the most active, prominent, and pushing citizens of Warner, was born May 2, 1835, in the village of Waterloo, Merrimack County, N.H. The Davis family originated in Wales, from whence the first ancestor in this country emigrated in 1638, settling in Amesbury, Mass.

Gideon Davis, the great-grandfather of Albert P., and a nephew of Francis Davis, who led in the early settlement of the town, was born in Amesbury, where he lived until after his marriage with Mary Cheney. In 1784 he came to Warner, and, taking up a large tract of timber land, engaged in manufacturing, in the winter months, oars, selling them in Salem and Boston. He was also a skilled mechanic. He reared a large family, his son John being the next in line of descent. John Davis, born in Amesbury, Mass., in 1775, was a lad of eight years when he came with his parents to Warner. He was a natural mechanic, one of the best of his times, and as a carpenter framed nearly all the ancient buildings now standing, and for sixty years was the master mason and builder of Warner. He bought land about one mile from the village of Waterloo; and, after he gave up mechanical pursuits, devoted himself to farming, living there until his death in 1865. He was a well-developed man, both physically and intellectually, having the broad shoulders and stocky build characteristic of the Davis family. He possessed great force of character, a firm and resolute spirit, and a personality that made him a leader among men. He reared eight children, of whom but one is living, Eleazer, who resides on the old homestead.

Zaccheus Davis, father of Albert P., was born near Waterloo in 1806. Like his father, he was both carpenter and farmer, carrying on his joint occupations in Waterloo during his life, which was brought to a close in 1854, at the age of forty-eight years. He married Miss Lucinda Pervere, of Sandown, who survived him, dying in 1881, at the age of sixty-nine years. They were the parents of four children, namely: Albert P.; Mary, who died in early womanhood; Charles S., a soldier in the Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry during the late Rebellion, now engaged in agricultural pursuits in Warner; and Zaccheus, a resident of Rochester, N.H. Maternally, Mr. Davis comes from the well-known Pervere and Bennett families of Sandown, N.H.

Albert P. Davis was fitted for college, and just ready to enter Dartmouth when his father died. This affliction caused an entire change in his plans, his widowed mother, with her family of little ones, needing his care at home; and the college had to be abandoned. He at once assumed the management of the farm, carrying it on until 1866, when he sold out, and moved into this village, bringing his

mother to his new home. When but sixteen years old he began teaching in the winter seasons in the country-school districts; and this vocation he continued about fifteen years, obtaining a fine reputation, both as instructor and disciplinarian, his services often being sought in schools in which the pupils were unusually turbulent and unruly. Soon after coming to Warner village, Mr. Davis was appointed Deputy Sheriff, an office which he filled about ten years. In the meantime he studied law with John Y. Mugridge, of Concord, and in 1876 was admitted to the New Hampshire bar. At once opening his office in Warner, he has since continued in the active practice of his profession, making a specialty of pension law, in which he has been particularly successful. He examines each case thoroughly, testing its merits prior to placing it before the department of pensions, and has invariably succeeded in his efforts to benefit his clients. His knowledge of law, and of the intricacies of pension law especially, makes him a very efficient pension attorney.

Mr. Davis has been actively identified with the highest and best interests of the town and county since arriving at man's estate. A true and loyal citizen, his patriotism was aroused to its highest point during the progress of the late Civil War. When the papers containing the accounts of the second battle of Bull Run were thrown from the train, he and his brother Charles were in the hayfield. They at once decided that one must don the blue and go to the front as a soldier. Sitting down on the hay, they drew cuts, agreeing that one should remain at home and care for the two families. The lot falling on Charles, he at once volunteered his services to his country. In the advancement of educational interests Mr. Davis has labored indefatigably, doing especially good work as superintendent of the Simonds High School for two years. Mr. Davis has likewise served as Town Treasurer. He was private secretary to Governor Harriman in 1868 and 1869; in 1889 was a member of the Constitutional Convention; and from 1891 till 1893 represented this town in the State legislature, serving on the Judiciary Committee, in company with such strong members as Briggs, of Manchester; Bingham, of Littleton; Spring, of Lebanon; and Nash, of Conway. He is an ardent Prohibitionist and a close student of political economy, his investigations in this science leading him to write a series of articles on the tariff question that attracted large attention. He subsequently wrote the "Warner Papers," including such topics as "Warner in the Rebellion," "Warner in the Revolution," giving a full history of events in Warner during those two great wars.

Mr. Davis owns a good deal of real estate, mostly village and town property, though he has large tracts of land in both Kansas and Nebraska. He was one of the original proprietors of the Warner Glove Factory, but sold out his interests, and in earlier life was a stockholder in the Melvin Woollen Mills, and was also engaged for a time in the lumber business. He was the projector of the system of water-works just completed in the village; and it was mainly through his untiring efforts it was established, he having secured the necessary capital from abroad and otherwise materially encouraged the enterprise. Warner has a fine public library founded through the instrumentality of Mr. Davis, who agitated the question for years, and finally secured a room in the Town Hall, beginning with a few books as the nucleus. He then interested the Hon. George A. Pillsbury, of Minneapolis, Minn., who was for some years in business here, and

was a Representative to the General Court from Warner. Mr. Pillsbury donated generously, the result being a handsome and conveniently arranged building, stocked with five thousand volumes of choice literature, valued at about twenty-five thousand dollars.

In June, 1855, Mr. Davis married Miss Lavona Harvey, daughter of Abner Harvey, of Warner, and of Mary Fisk, of the famous Fisk family. She is a most estimable, capable, and accomplished woman, deeply interested in all reform movements and every other that tends to help the poor and unfortunate, who find in her a friend. She is a valued member of the Baptist church and of the W. C. T. U., but, being an invalid, is not able to do any active work in either organization. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have two children, namely: Ida M., wife of Walter W. Wheeler, of Boston, Mass.; and Woodbury E., who is engaged in the grocery business in Warner.

Mr. Davis is naturally aggressive, persistent, and tenacious. Once having carefully and deliberately marked out his course, he never yields to any obstacle in the way of the consummation of his plans and purposes; and he usually succeeds in what he attempts. This determination has necessarily led him to antagonize others with pet plans and schemes, and has made intense personal and political enemies of men smarting under defeats and disappointments. When provoked or pushed, he wields a vigorous and merciless pen, as his enemies can testify.

Aside from this class Mr. Davis possesses in a large measure the confidence and respect of his fellow-townsmen, who willingly credit him with great personal courage, independence, and originality, and with having benefited his town in his efforts to establish a free public library and a system of public waterworks; by his investments in local industrial works, to give labor at home to the laboring class; by his intense interest manifested in the educational institutions of the town; by his active support given gladly to promote and develop the moral, social, and religious interests of the people; and by his active co-operation with any and all movements that tend to make a healthy and vigorous community, with a community of interests and aspirations.

DANFORD RICE, late a well-known farmer of Claremont, who died August 4, 1877, was born in this town, December 2, 1805. His grandfather, Ebenezer Rice, who was one of the earliest settlers of Claremont, coming with a little colony of pioneers from Tolland, Conn., bought considerable land in the village, but afterward removed to West Claremont. He was a carpenter by trade, and framed the old Union church at West Claremont. He was a Deacon of the church, and in the absence of a minister he used to read the services. A stanch patriot, he fought for American independence in the Revolution. His death occurred April 24, 1829. His children were: Joseph; Stephen; Ebenezer; and Phebe, who became Mrs. Timothy Grannis.

His son Joseph was a prosperous farmer, a man of influence in the town, and one of the leading members of the Union Church. He married Lucy Barron, who was born June 14, 1772. He died April 24, 1829, his wife surviving him until August 28, 1847. They had a large family of children. Minerva, the eldest, born November 30, 1795, married Daniel Bond. Horace was born July 2, 1801. He died in Cambridge, Mass., in 1872. Franklin was born May 2, 1803; and Sanford and Danford, twins, were born December 2, 1805. Sanford was lost in the Mexican War.

Phebe Pamelia was born January 18, 1809, and married Harvey Tolles. George Gilbert, born September 19, 1811, lived in Cambridge, Mass., and died there in 1863. Hiram Augustus, born September 27, 1814, died in Missouri. The children of Horace Rice by his wife, formerly Maria Hall, were: Joseph Henry, born February 19, 1829; John Franklin, born June 15, 1830; and Adeline Alberta, born April 12, 1835. The children of George Rice by his wife, Harriett Hunnewell, were: Carrie M., born in 1853; George, born November 4, 1854; and D. Webster, born June 18, 1858.

Danford Rice followed his father's vocation of farming, and was one of Claremont's most useful citizens. He was a faithful member of the Union Episcopal Church. His wife, Caroline Jones, died September 30, 1866, nearly eleven years before his own departure. Their children were: Edward Barron, born October 29, 1835, who married Emma Hall in October, 1870; Caroline Isabella, born June 8, 1838; William Danford, born November 21, 1843, who, it is supposed, was killed in battle, September 30, 1864; and Frances Lydia, born November 16, 1846, who died September 21, 1847. The children of Edward Barron, the eldest son, are: Marian Isabella, born in September, 1871; Edward Barron, born in December, 1875: Augustus Hall, born in 1876, who died in 1896; Emma Frances, born in 1878; and William Alexander, born in December, 1882.

LEONARD WOOD PEABODY, M.D., of Henniker, one of the oldest medical practitioners in Merrimack County, was born in Newport, Sullivan County, September 13, 1817, son of Ami and Sarah (Johnson) Peabody. He is a descendant of Francis Peabody, who, born in England in 1614, came to New England on board the ship "Planter" in 1635. This ancestor, after residing in Ipswich, Mass., for a while, removed to Hampton in 1638, and in 1651 settled in Topsfield, Mass. From him the line of descent comes through Captain John Peabody, who was born in 1642, Ensign David Peabody, born in 1678, John Peabody, born in 1714, to Jedediah Peabody, born in 1743, who was the grandfather of Leonard W. Jedediah served in the Revolutionary War, and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill. In 1781 he moved his family from Boxford, Mass., to Warner, N.H., where he resided for many years. The maiden name of his wife was Alice Howlet; and their last days were spent in East Lebanon, N.H., where they died at an advanced age. Their children were: Ami, Lydia M., Mary, Moses, Susannah, Thomas, Alice, Andrew, Frederick, Betsey, and John. Of these, one, Alice, who married Eleazar Whitney, remained in Merrimack County.

Ami Peabody, born in Boxford, Mass., in 1769, was twelve years old when his parents moved to New Hampshire. When a young man he settled in Newport, N.H.; and his death occurred in that town, January 27, 1845. The first of his two marriages was contracted in Henniker with Patty Rice. She had two children, namely: Lucy, who married Leonard Wood, of this town; and Martha, who married Harvey Phelps, and moved to Crown Point, N.Y. Neither is now living. The second marriage was made with Sarah Johnson, a native of Guilford, Conn., and a daughter of Miles Johnson, who served in the Revolutionary War, and was among those who passed the historic winter at Valley Forge. The children of this union were: Asenath, Calvin, Reuel, Maria, Eliza, Frederick, Sarah, the Rev. Charles, Leonard W., Carroll W., Dex-

ter, and Helen. Asenath died at the age of twenty-seven years. Calvin settled in Linn County, Missouri. Reuel settled in Illinois. Maria married Dutton Woods, of Concord, N.H. Eliza, who remained a spinster, passed her last days with her brother, Leonard W. Frederick settled in Illinois. Sarah became the wife of Henry S. Dutch, and lived in Oxford, Ia. Carroll W., who was a carpenter by trade, resided in Sullivan County. None of the above are living. The Rev. Charles Peabody, who graduated from Dartmouth College in 1839, was for many years a field agent of the American Tract Society. He is now living in Pasadena, Cal. Dexter Peabody now occupies the old homestead in Newport. Helen Peabody, the youngest, who was born in 1826, and completed her education in South Hadley, Mass., in 1847, became the first principal of the Western Female Seminary in Oxford, Ohio, and held that position for thirty-three years. Some time ago she spent a year in Japan, visiting her former pupils. Since her return to the United States she has resided with her brother in Pasadena, Cal. Mrs. Sarah Peabody survived her husband ten years.

Leonard Wood Peabody acquired his early education at the Kimball Union Academy. Subsequently for a time he was a teacher at the Concord Literary Institute, of which his brother Charles was principal. After pursuing his preliminary studies in medicine with Dr. Timothy Hayes, of Concord, and Dr. J. L. Swett, of Newport, he attended lectures at the Vermont Medical College in Woodstock, from which he was graduated in 1844. He began practice in Henniker, where he remained for a short time. Then he located in Epsom, N.H., residing there for twenty-six years. He returned to Henniker in 1871, and was engaged in practice here until his retirement, some two years ago. He excelled as a general physician in the treatment of disease. In the course of his professional career he was called to over one thousand obstetrical cases, ushering into the world six physicians, besides several ministers, lawyers, and editors. When diphtheria made its appearance in this State in 1861, he was remarkably successful in coping with that dread malady, considering the fact that there was at the time little or no knowledge concerning its character. A paper prepared by him upon the subject at that time showed that he had a correct understanding of its nature. He is a member of the State and Central District Medical Societies, having served as President of the latter. He has been a delegate to the National Medical Association, was a delegate from the State Society to the examination at Dartmouth College in 1861, and in 1867 he received an honorary degree from that institution. He is a member of the New Hampshire Historical Society and of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society. Taking much interest in the objects of the latter organization, he has contributed to its collection of antiquities, and furnished several valuable genealogical records. Some time since he presented sixty volumes of old medical journals to the State Historical Library. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Republican. He cast his first Presidential vote for William Henry Harrison, and he has since voted for every Whig and Republican candidate up to the present time. He represented Henniker in the legislature in 1885, and has frequently served as a delegate to district and State conventions.

On January 28, 1846, Dr. Peabody was united in marriage with Louisa Lerned Kelley. She was born in Warner, N.H., January 23, 1821, daughter of the Hon. Abner and Jerusha (Fowler) Kelley. Her grandfather was

the Rev. William Kelley, the first settled minister in Warner; and her father was at one time State Treasurer. Dr. and Mrs. Peabody are the parents of three daughters; namely, Elizabeth Kelley, Sarah Matilda, and Maria Antoinette. Elizabeth Kelley Peabody, who graduated at Oxford, Ohio, in 1866, married the Rev. William Wilmer, of Attica, Ind., a Presbyterian minister. Sarah Matilda married Curtis B. Childs, B.S., and resides in Henniker. Maria Antoinette, who was a student of Oxford Seminary when that institute was destroyed by fire, resided at home until November 18, 1896, when she married Charles F. Peabody, of Clarence, Ia. Besides these the Doctor has also reared and educated a nephew, Clarence Elwin Peabody, a son of Carroll W. Clarence Elwin, who resided with Dr. Peabody from the time when he was seven years old until he reached his majority, is now living in Boston. Dr. Peabody is a charter member of Henniker Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he has occupied the important chairs. He has also held a seat in the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

FRANK E. DIMOND, a well-known business man of West Concord, was born on the estate he now occupies about thirty-six years ago, son of Elbridge and Jennett (Hoit) Dimond. His immigrant ancestor came from England, and was among the first settlers of this section of the State. Nearly all the descendants of the immigrant are still living in this region. His son, Ezekiel Dimond, was great-great-grandfather of Frank E. Ezekiel had seven sons. Reuben, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Concord, N.H., on what is now known as Dimond's Hill. He was a farmer, and passed the greater part of his life in Concord, dying at the age of seventy years. His wife was Mary Currier Dimond, who reared eleven children. The youngest of these died at the age of fifty, while the others lived to be from seventy to ninety years of age.

Jacob, the third son of Ezekiel, was a wheelwright; and he owned at first a small farm. He gradually acquired more land until at the time of his death he was proprietor of a goodly number of acres. Jacob married Rose Abbott, daughter of Ezra Abbott. Her only child, Elbridge, received a public-school training, and then worked at his father's trade. Elbridge also did considerable farming, and built some substantial farm buildings. He was one of the Board of Aldermen for two years. His wife, Jenett, was a daughter of Enoch and Mary (French) Hoit, of Concord. Besides Frank E. she had another son, Gilman H. Dimond, who was in the Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment for nine months during the Civil War, and later in the heavy artillery until the close of the war. Gilman Dimond married Mary E. Colby, and has three children — Irving G., Stella May, and Etta B. Elbridge was a Republican in politics, and twice represented the town in the State legislature. His first Presidential vote was cast for W. H. Harrison. He was a member of the Congregational church. His farm is a part of the original land, and the old residence was one of the first houses built in this section.

After attending the district schools for the usual period, Frank E. Dimond became a student at Penacook Academy. He has always resided on the farm, of which he is now the proprietor. It contains about two hundred acres, thirty of which are under cultivation. Mr. Dimond was Selectman of his ward for two years, served for two years in the Common Council, and at this writing is Alderman-elect

of Ward Three. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the grange.

On June 14, 1883, Mr. Dimond married Mattie E. Carter, daughter of Augustine and Sarah E. Restieaux Carter. Her father is a son of Abiel and Patty (Farnum) Carter, of Concord. Abiel's father was Timothy, born in Concord in 1767, and his mother's maiden name was Judith Chandler. The next in line was Ezra, born in South Hampton, who came to Concord with his father about 1750, and married Phœbe Whittemore. Ezra was son of Daniel and Hannah Fowler Carter. Daniel was son of Ephraim Carter, who came to Concord about 1740, being the first Carter to settle there. The tradition is that, when he and his family left South Hampton, the neighbors were grieved that they were going so far into the wilderness, and wept when bidding them farewell. Reaching Sugar Ball Hill, they chained the wheels of the cart containing the goods to get it down safely. They crossed the Merrimack in a canoe, carrying their goods along with them, and causing the oxen to swim while the cart was dragged across by means of bed-cords fastened to the tongues.

JAMES OTIS STRAW, a thriving farmer of Hopkinton, was born in this town July 27, 1853, son of William S. and Mary Ann (Flanders) Straw. An account of his ancestry may be found in the sketch of his father, William S. Straw, contained elsewhere in this volume.

James Otis Straw spent his early years on his parents' farm. He was brought up to agricultural pursuits; and in 1890 he purchased his present home, the old Currier farm, containing sixty-five acres, the buildings on which were erected over a hundred years ago. Mr. Straw makes a specialty of dairying, and also pays much attention to breeding high-grade Guernsey stock. He possesses a considerable amount of mechanical skill, and is expert in the use of all kinds of tools. In politics he is a free silver Democrat, but takes no active part in public affairs beyond casting his vote. January 8, 1881, he was united in marriage with Ada Whittemore, daughter of William B. and Nancy Whittemore, of Hopkinton. Mr. and Mrs. Straw have become the parents of two children: Percy W., who was born October 21, 1881, and died at the age of three and a half years; and Clayton Bayard, born April 20, 1885. Mr. Straw is a member of Contoocook Grange, P. of H. He is an enthusiastic sportsman, and is one of the most popular residents of Hopkinton.

REWELL J. ELLIS, a well-known Grand Army man and a prominent farmer of Cornish, was born at Brandon, Vt., September 5, 1840, son of Seneca and Aurilla (Bagley) Ellis. His grandfather was John Ellis, who married Margaret Holt, and was the father of Seneca and William Ellis. William, who was born at Shoreham, Vt., went West a number of years ago, and has not since been heard from. The family do not know whether he is living or not.

Seneca Ellis was born at sea, July 26, 1809. He was educated in the schools at Brandon, Vt., and subsequently followed the occupation of farmer in Vermont and New Hampshire. The last thirty years of his life were spent in Cornish. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Sixteenth New Hampshire Regiment, and afterward was in action at New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and in Florida. Although his term of enlistment was but nine months, he remained in the service for nearly a year. He

came home in August, 1863, suffering from a mortal illness contracted in the war. The desire of seeing home faces appears to have kept him alive until it was gratified. He died a few days later, having given his life for his country as surely as if he had been shot down on the battlefield. His wife was Aurilla, daughter of Curtis and Phylinda (Downing) Bagley; and their eleven children were: William H., Julia, Annie M., Joel C., Newell J., Jason, George, Orrilla N., Louisa J., Frank P., and Emmeline. William H., a native of Brandon, born in January, 1832, married Harriet Ellison, of Rockingham, Vt., and resides in that place engaged in farming. He has had two children, one of whom is living. Julia A., born in Canton, N.Y., August 29, 1834, first married Charles Sweatt, of Andover, N.H., by whom she had two children, of whom Annie is living. Her second husband is George D. Clapp, of Revere, Mass., a blacksmith. Annie M. Ellis, born in Canada, April 9, 1836, lives in Enfield, N.H., and has been a very successful school teacher. Joel, born in Canton, N.Y., July 29, 1837, served with a Massachusetts regiment in the late war, and was killed at the battle of Antietam. Jason, born February 17, 1842, at Brandon, who also served in the war, was drowned while making the voyage from New Orleans to New York with three hundred or more sick soldiers coming home for a furlough upon a condemned transport boat. George, born at Brandon, May 18, 1846, married Waity W. Ford, of Adams, Mass., and has one child, Etta. He was also in the war, and afterward was engaged in farming. His death occurred December 26, 1878. Orrilla N., born at Enfield, this State, October 27, 1848, first married Chester Langworthy, of Adams, Mass., by whom she had one daughter, Sadie, who is now deceased. She is now living with her second husband, William D. Spaulding, formerly of Claremont, now of Cornish, where he has a large farm. Louisa, born at Enfield, March 24, 1850, was also twice married. Her first husband was Henry Marcy, of Rockingham, Vt.; and the second was Edwin S. Newhall, of Lynn, Mass. She has no children. Frank, born at Enfield, March 22, 1854, lives at the farm in Cornish with his mother. Emmeline, born in Cornish, January 29, 1857, has been three times married. Her first husband was Frank Pope, and she bore him three children; her second husband was Samuel Fairbanks, by whom she had one child; her present husband is Thomas Emery, of Cornish. Mrs. Seneca Ellis, who was born July 25, 1811, after the death of her first husband married Samuel Chase, and is now living in Cornish.

Newell J. Ellis was educated in the schools of Cornish. Since leaving school he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, with the exception of a year spent in the Civil War. He enlisted in the Seventh Vermont Regiment, and subsequently took part in the battle of Mobile. Mr. Ellis has served for some time on the School Committee. He has been Highway Surveyor and has acted in other public capacities. The first of his two marriages was contracted with Sarah M. Boardman, of Cornish, who died January 10, 1892. Her three children were: Martha, Charles, and Mabel. By the second marriage he was united to Adeline Hunt, daughter of Dr. Hunt, of Bolton. Martha Ellis, born in April, 1868, married Daniel Johnston, of Franklin, Mass., where he is employed in the manufacture of hats. Charles B., born March 5, 1872, is living at Franklin, Mass., and is a pressman in the hat business. Mabel, born August 26, 1883, is still a school girl and lives at home.

Mr. Ellis has owned at different times two

very large and well-cultivated farms. The one where he now lives has the best appointed buildings of any farm hereabouts, and the land is under high cultivation. In politics Mr. Ellis is a Democrat. He is a member of the Grand Army, and belongs to the local grange.

CYRUS O. BROWN, formerly a well-known schoolmaster and now a prosperous farmer of Epsom, was born in Kensington, N.H., August 15, 1834, son of Abel and Ruth (Fellows) Brown. On the paternal side he is a lineal descendant of John Brown, who, born in England in 1589, is said to have been of Scotch origin. It is believed that this ancestor was reared in a seaport town, as he was a ship-carpenter by trade. It is recorded that he was concerned in the building of many vessels for the king. He emigrated to New England, and became one of the first settlers of Hampton, N.H. He was married in that town in 1640 or 1641; and Benjamin, the second of his three sons, was born in Seabrook, N.H. From John Brown, born in England in 1589, the line of descent comes by Benjamin Brown, born in Seabrook, in 1647; Benjamin Brown, Jr., born in South Hampton in 1684; Jonathan Brown, born in Kensington in 1718; Abel Brown, born in Kensington in 1760; and Abel Brown, Jr., born in Kensington in 1797.

Abel Brown, Sr., the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a school teacher in his younger days. Taking an active part in public affairs, he served as a Selectman, and was employed to settle many estates. He lived to the age of eighty-six years. In politics he was a Whig. He married Sally Paige, a native of Kensington, and a daughter of Stephen Paige, who was a Deacon of the Congregational church. Mrs. Abel Brown, first, lived to be eighty-two years old. She reared five children — Abel, Stephen, Lewis, Jonathan, and Eliza. Abel Brown, Jr., was reared upon a farm. When a young man he went to Boston, where he learned the trade of a bolt and screw maker, and subsequently worked as a journeyman for a year. With this exception the active period of his life was devoted to tilling the soil in his native State. In politics he was a Whig, and he took a leading part in local affairs. For a number of years he served upon the Board of Selectmen, and was a member of the legislature for two terms. At his death he was seventy-two years old. His wife, Ruth Fellows Brown, became the mother of five children, of whom Edgar A. and Cyrus O. are living. The others were: Quincy A., Charles W., and Luetta M. Edgar A. Brown, who was born in Kensington, January 29, 1828, married Eunice Rowe, of Kensington, and her children are: Harvey E., Foster H., Freeman A., and Quincy A. Quincy A. died in infancy. Cyrus O. Brown's mother died at the age of fifty-eight years. In their last years both parents were Adventists.

Cyrus O. Brown was educated at Hampton Academy and at Phillips Andover Academy in Massachusetts, taking a classical course in the class of 1857. When nearly prepared to enter college, his eyes became inflamed, and his physician urged him to give up all study and go more frequently into the open air. Yielding to this advice reluctantly, he abandoned his hopes of a collegiate career and accepted the position of assistant teacher in Hampton Academy. Subsequently he followed teaching as a profession in Merrimack and Rockingham Counties for thirty-five years, in the course of which he won a high reputation and had over three thousand pupils under his instruction. Since then he has resided on his farm. This property contains two hundred

acres, of which he successfully cultivates forty.

On October 6, 1858, Mr. Brown wedded Mary E. Brown, a daughter of Newell and Mary T. Brown, of Epsom. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus O. Brown have had five children, of whom the only survivor is M. Evangeline, born May 29, 1875, now engaged in teaching. The others were: Cora E., born July 4, 1859, who died January 20, 1880; Ruth E., born July 15, 1863, who died November 20, 1871; Augusta T., born April 14, 1867, who died on the same day as Ruth; and Mamie T., born November 15, 1872, who died May 10, 1879.

In politics Mr. Brown acts independently, and votes for the candidates whom he considers best qualified to hold office. For several years he was a member of the School Board of Epsom, and his knowledge of educational affairs made him especially valuable to that department. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Free Will Baptist church. A very pleasant interruption in Mr. Brown's quiet life on his farm was the fortieth anniversary of the class of '57, held at Andover, June 24, 1897, when all the living members were invited to Phillips' graduating exercises of '97 and held a grand alumni meeting, and when those present partook of a dinner in the spacious hall of the institution, which was followed by interesting speeches recalling old times.

ALMON W. FRENCH, of Plainfield, Sullivan County, represents the third generation of the Frenches in this town. The family is of English origin, and members of it were pioneers of New England. Its founder in Plainfield, Nathaniel French, the grandfather of Almon W., came here when about twenty-two years of age, at the time when much of the district was an unbroken wild. Having done his part in rendering the place habitable, he died at the age of eighty-nine. His wife, Alice Back French, had eight children, of whom one died in infancy. The others were: Liman, George, Hezekiah, John, Lucinda, Betsey, and Susan. Liman, who lived in this town for the greater part of his life, following the occupation of farmer, never married. George, who was also a farmer here, married Sarah Hadley. Hezekiah married Lucinda Hyde, and had a family of children. He lived in Plainfield nearly all his lifetime. Lucinda successively married Amos Fox and William Hadley. Betsey became Mrs. Hayes Kenyon, and the mother of several children; and Susan married John Hadley.

John French, the father of Almon W., born here in 1805, died in December, 1890. He worked on his father's farm until fifty-five years of age. Then he bought a farm, which he managed until about a dozen years before his death, the chief business being raising and selling cattle. He remained outside the arena of political strife, and never cared to secure public patronage. Straightforward and honest, he had the respect of all who knew him. He married Harriet Barry, who, born at Centre Harbor in 1809, died in 1879. Their eight children were: Almon W., John H., Russell, Charles, Melissa, George, Frank, and Sumner. John H. was twice married. His second marriage was contracted with a lady named French, who bore him one son. Russell, a prosperous farmer of Plainfield, married Adelaide Smith, and has several children. Charles married a Miss Westgate, and resides here. George married Orena B. Spaulding, and had several children. Frank married a Miss Chapman, and has a family of children. Melissa married Titus Pierce, and had several

children. Sumner married Miss Freeman, and was engaged in farming here up to the time of his death.

Almon W. French was educated in the public schools of his native town. After leaving school, he had worked at farming for about fifteen years, when he became the proprietor of a farm by purchase. Since that time he has bought four or five others. He has always done more or less sheep-raising, but now gives his attention mainly to dairying. Industrious and enterprising, he has fully earned the success he has met with. Like his father, he has not sought political offices. In religious faith he is a Congregationalist, and he is a generous supporter of the Congregational society here. Mr. French married Melissa Spaulding, who was born in 1837. She died in 1870, leaving a daughter, Eva. Eva was twice married, and by her first marriage has one son, Clarence Almon Daniels. Clarence has always resided with his grandfather, Almon W. French.

WALTER KENDALL WADLEIGH, M.D.,* a skilled and popular physician of Hopkinton, N.H., was born April 7, 1864, in the town of Franklin, Merrimack County, N.H., a son of Jonathan P. and Betsey (Thomas) Wadleigh. His father, who died in the prime of manhood, was born and reared in Sanbornton, Belknap County, this State, but spent the larger part of his life in Merrimack County, where he was a large landholder.

Walter K. Wadleigh received his elementary education in Franklin, being graduated from the high school in the class of 1881. Deciding upon a professional career, for which his natural tastes and talents peculiarly fitted him, he began studying medicine with Drs. I. F. Knight and W. W. Sleeper, of Franklin. He subsequently entered Dartmouth Medical College, from which he received his degree in 1886. While in college he taught school a part of the time, thus partially defraying the expense of his education.

Soon after receiving his diploma and shortly after the death of the late Dr. Rogers, Dr. Wadleigh located in Hopkinton, and has since met with flattering success as a practitioner, his previous experience in hospital work having doubtless been of much service to him in his labors. He is a member of the Centre District and of the New Hampshire Medical Societies, and is an active worker in each organization. The Doctor is a close student, and keeps himself in touch with the latest discoveries in medical science. In 1895 he prepared and read a paper on the uses of strophanthus that attracted considerable attention among his professional brethren. He was popular with his classmates while in college, and for two or three years has served as President of the Dartmouth Medical Alumni Association. The Doctor is also quite prominent in local society circles, being a man of scholarly attainments, genial and courteous in manner, and accomplished in the art of music, playing well on the violin.

ALVAH CHARLES FERRIN,* a retired contractor and builder of Concord, who served in the United States Navy during the Civil War, was born in Plymouth, N.H., August 13, 1835, son of Daniel E. and Mary Jane (Durgin) Ferrin. His father was a native of Hebron, N.H.; and his mother was born in Buxton, Me. On the father's side he is a descendant of Revolutionary patriots. His education, which was begun in the public schools of Lowell, Mass., where

his parents took up their residence in 1841, was completed when he was about sixteen years old in Hebron, N.H., to which they went in 1842. He started in life as a farmer. After following that occupation for a short time, he went, in 1853, to Boston, Mass., where he obtained employment as an expressman. Five years later he returned to his native State, and, settling in Concord, learned the mason's trade. At this he worked as a journeyman until he became a member of the firm of Gately & Ferrin, contractors and builders, with whom he was associated until he undertook to serve in the Civil War. This event occurred August 19, 1864, when he entered the United States Navy at Portsmouth, N.H. In January, 1865, he sailed from the Kittery navy yard on board the United States steamer "Albatross" for Mobile Bay, where the vessel joined the West Gulf squadron, under the command of Commodore Thatcher, and subsequently cruised therewith until the close of the war. After he was mustered out at Charlestown, Mass., he returned home. In 1867 he formed a partnership with R. M. Ordway, under the firm name of Ordway & Ferrin. This firm carried on a large and prosperous business as masons and contractors until the death of Mr. Ordway, which occurred in 1885. Mr. Ferrin had been in business alone for about two years after that event when he formed, with D. C. Woodman, a copartnership that lasted for two years. He subsequently remained in business until September, 1895, at which time he relinquished active pursuits. He is now living in retirement in Concord. During his busy career he erected some of the finest buildings now standing in this city and vicinity, which are excellent testimony of his skill as a master builder.

On May 14, 1859, Mr. Ferrin was united in marriage with Hannah McDuffee, a native of Candia, N.H. Their only child died some time ago. In the Masonic fraternity Mr. Ferrin has reached the thirty-second degree. He is connected with Eureka Lodge, No. 70; Trinity Royal Arch Chapter, No. 2, Mount Horeb Commandery, Knights Templar; and with Edward A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua. He is also a member of Rumford Lodge, No. 46, I. O. O. F., and Tohanto Encampment; and a comrade of E. E. Sturtevant Post, No. 2, G. A. R. In politics Mr. Ferrin is a Republican.

ANSON COLBY ALEXANDER, M.D.,* a prominent homœopathic physician of Penacook, was born in Littleton, N.H., October 10, 1855, son of Wesley and Sarah B. (Bray) Alexander. Both paternal and maternal ancestors of his served in the War for Independence. Wesley Alexander, a native of Swanzey, N.H., was a prominent resident of Littleton, and took an active part in public affairs. He was one of the original promoters of the Republican movement in this State, having formerly been a supporter of the Whig party. For more than thirty years he used his influence successfully in securing the predominance of these parties in Littleton. His wife, Sarah, was a native of Harrison, Me.

Anson Colby Alexander acquired his early education in the public schools and at the New Hampton and New London Academies. His medical studies were begun under the instruction of Drs. Daniel Lee Jones and Charles W. Rowell, both of Lancaster, N.H. He graduated from the Philadelphia School of Anatomy and Surgery in 1879 and from the Hahnemann Medical College of the same city in 1880. He also graduated from the Penn

Hospital. He was the only New England student in many years who won the gold medal at the Hahnemann College for superior scholarship in every department. In the spring of 1881 he began the practice of his profession in Penacook. Since then he has acquired a wide reputation as a skilful and thoroughly reliable physician. He is a trustee of the New Hampshire Savings Bank.

On June 22, 1882, Dr. Alexander was united in marriage with Fanny Goodwin, of North Attleboro, Mass. Mrs. Alexander is the mother of two children; namely, Marion and Harold Wesley. The Doctor is a member of the New England Gynecological and Surgical Society of Boston. Well advanced in the Masonic fraternity, he is Master of Horace Chase Lodge, No. 72, a Royal Arch Mason of Trinity Chapter, and a Knight Templar of Mount Horeb Commandery. He is Past Grand of Dustin Island Lodge, I. O. O. F., and a member of the Knights of Pythias. Desirous of promoting the general welfare, he takes an active interest in public affairs. Politically, he acts with the Republican party; and he is a member of the Baptist church.

CYRUS F. DUSTIN, a respected farmer and lumberman of Hopkinton, was born in this town, January 25, 1853, son of Daniel P. and Sarah A. (Barnard) Dustin. He has resided here since his birth. In 1891 he married Miss Nellie S. Spalding, daughter of Dustin A. and Samantha S. (Putney) Spalding. Mr. Dustin is prominent in town affairs, and in 1896 was elected Representative to the legislature. He has the best interests of the town at heart, and can always be depended upon to perform his full duty as a citizen and as a representative of the people.

EDWARD PLUMMER PAIGE, a former legislative Representative of the town of Dunbarton, was born in Bradford, N.H., in 1857, son of Bayard P. and Louisa S. Paige. The father of Edward Plummer, who was born in Dunbarton, subsequently removed to Hopkinton, N.H., where he acquired his education. At the age of fourteen years he returned to Dunbarton, and entered the general merchandise store of his brother Jeremiah as clerk. Three or four years later they moved the business to Bradford, where he continued to work for some time. He next engaged in stove-making, turning out some of the first stoves used in this part of New Hampshire. Later Mr. Paige went to Boston, Mass., where he was associated with the well-known firm, Leach & Gilmore, wholesale dealers in groceries. Messrs. Leach & Gilmore also owned and controlled a line of steamboats running between Boston and Bangor, which was a financially successful undertaking until William K. Vanderbilt put on a steamer in opposition. The cut rates for passengers and freight rendered the enterprise almost profitless, and they were glad to dispose of their interest to Mr. Vanderbilt. Mr. Paige also sold his interest in the grocery, after which he removed to Montreal, Canada, where for thirty years he was successfully engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of farming implements. He then returned to Dunbarton, and remained there during the rest of his life, dying at the age of eighty-four years. He and his wife had six children, all of whom they reared.

Edward P. Paige acquired the most of his education in the Montreal schools. At the age of sixteen he entered his father's office as clerk, remaining some time. Going subsequently to Warner, N.H., he again entered school, completing his studies in 1881. He

then went to California, securing a position as clerk in a furniture store. He returned home in the fall of 1884, and has since been engaged in farming on the old homestead. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Paige has been prominently identified in town affairs, serving in various offices. In 1890 and 1891 he had the further distinction of being a Representative to the legislature.

CHARLES HORACE FLETCHER, one of the prominent farmers of his native town, Canterbury, Merrimack County, was born August 3, 1837, son of John and Nancy (St. Clair) Fletcher. John Fletcher was born in Loudon, N.H., March 16, 1795. He married Miss St. Clair, of Canterbury, born October 2, 1799, and settled on St. Clair Hill in Canterbury township, where he became a prominent farmer. His wife's father, Noah St. Clair, was, it is said, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He had ten children. Some of them spelled the name St. Clair, and some spelled it Sinclair. If the same as Noah Sinclair, in the "Revolutionary War Rolls," vol. iii., he enlisted in February, 1777, was a drum major, and was discharged in February, 1780.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher reared four children; namely, Lovinia A., William M., John M., and Charles Horace. Lovinia A. Fletcher married Edmund D. Hill, and died at the age of sixty-five. Her husband is also deceased. William M. was born December 31, 1827, married Lucina Jane Hill (now deceased), who was born January 24, 1833. William M. Fletcher resides in Canterbury. His children are: John T., a farmer, born February 5, 1853; Charles W., a carpenter born January 12, 1855, married Miss Nettie Ordway, of Loudon, N.H., March 31, 1883, died August 12, 1894; Albert O., born July 7, 1857; Annette D., born April 24, 1860, died April 14, 1862; Iva May, born September 20, 1861, married Frank Chamberlin, of Loudon, professor of music; Cora Belle, born October 6, 1863, married Charles Buckland, of Concord, N.H.; George M., born January 12, 1865, married Miss Lillie Grover, of Canterbury, N.H.; Lucina Jane, born September 23, 1868, married January 30, 1885, Frank Wells, of Loudon, N.H., a blacksmith by trade.

John M. Fletcher, born July 24, 1832, is now a practising dentist in Concord, N.H. A sketch of his career will be found on another page of this volume.

Charles Horace, the youngest child of John and Nancy Fletcher, in his boyhood went to school in Loudon. He remained at home with his parents until his marriage, and directly after that he lived for a time on Gibson Hill and he then returned to the old homestead, where he lived for nine years. Mr. Fletcher next made his abode in East Concord, and there learned the stone cutter's trade. Again returning to the home of his boyhood, he took up farming, subsequently making several changes, until he finally settled down on his present estate, known as the old James farm, and consisting of about forty acres. In addition to this property he owns ninety acres elsewhere in the township. His life has been a most industrious one and, on the whole, successful. He is a man much esteemed by all who know him. He has been a Republican, but now votes the Democratic ticket. Though not eager for office, he has held several minor positions of trust.

Mr. Fletcher married first Miss Lucy Jane Peverly, who was born September 17, 1842, daughter of Nathaniel and Judith Peverly, her father being a farmer of Canterbury. Mrs.

Lucy J. Fletcher died March 24, 1878; and on April 7, 1880, Mr. Fletcher married Mrs. Hannah Young Potter, the widow of Thomas G. Potter, of Gilmanton, N.H., and the daughter of David and Mary (Bachelder) Young. Her father was a farmer of Loudon township, N.H.

By his first wife Mr. Fletcher had four children — Annette D., Anna A., Warren S., and Nancy J. Annette D. was born January 29, 1862, became the wife of A. B. Chute, of Canterbury, and has one son, Howard; Anna A. was born November 20, 1865, married John A. Dow, and lives in Canterbury; Warren S., was born July 17, 1868, and is now living in Canterbury; Nancy J., the youngest, was born September 25, 1870, and married John H. Meade, of Concord, N.H., and had one child, a daughter, Jenney A. Mrs. Meade died June 8, 1889. The present Mrs. Fletcher is the mother of two children: Lucy May, born May 16, 1881; and Laura E., born December 3, 1886, both residing at home with their parents.

JOHN S. ANDREWS,* a thrifty farmer and stock-raiser of Plainfield, Sullivan County, N.H., was born in this town, February 27, 1853, son of Nathan and Abigail E. (Ellis) Andrews. His great-grandfather, Nathan Andrews, was the first of the family to settle in Plainfield; and Wilbur Andrews, his grandfather, was a native of this town. He followed agricultural pursuits through the active period of his life, and was one of the prosperous farmers of his day. He left a good estate. He married Orinda Ross, a native of Canada; and his children were: Nathan, Abigail, and Wealthy. Abigail became the wife of Joseph Westgate, of Plainfield; and Wealthy died young.

Nathan Andrews, John S. Andrews's father, was born in Plainfield in 1826. When a young man he went West, and invested in land to some extent; but he soon returned to Plainfield, and settling upon one of his farms devoted the rest of his life to general farming and the raising of cattle. He died October 11, 1888. Politically, he was an active supporter of the Democratic party, and, though not an office-holder, was wont to make his influence felt at town meetings. He attended the Baptist church. Abigail E. Ellis, his wife, was born in Plainfield, February 14, 1833, daughter of Stephen B. Ellis, a resident of this town and a stone mason by trade. She became the mother of twelve children, namely: John S., the subject of this sketch; Abbie O.; Charles H.; Addison W.; Sarah A.; Nathan R.; Seth E.; Emma G.; Minnie E.; Frank B.; Lillian E.; and Clarence E. Abbie O. married James A. Sloan, of Hyde Park, Mass., a carpenter by trade, who is now residing upon a farm in Ascutneyville, Vt. They have had seven children, and six are living. Charles H., who is superintendent of the hospital in Claremont, N.H., married Verona Farnsworth, of Washington, N.H. Addison W. has been in the livery business in Sharon, Mass., for some years. He married Sarah Barden, of Beverly, Mass., and has one child. Sarah A. died at the age of nine years. Nathan R., who is unmarried, resides at the homestead, and is a wealthy farmer. Seth E. married Gertie Whitcomb, of Vermont, and is now a miller, and resides in Claremont. Emma G. married Charles Curtis, a native of Cornish, N.H., who is now a teamster in Plainfield. Minnie E. died at the age of two years. Frank B., who is employed as a clerk in Sharon, Mass., married Hattie Harwood, of that town, and has had two children, one of whom is living. Lillian E. resides with her brother Addison in Sharon,

Mass.; and Clarence E. lives in Plainfield, N.H. Mrs. Abigail E. Ellis Andrews died February 28, 1893.

John S. Andrews was educated in the common schools and at Kimball Union Academy. He was employed as a farm assistant for ten years, and then bought the Daniels farm on Black Hill, where he began the pursuit of agriculture upon his own account. Three years later he purchased of Lewis Stickney his present farm, which is one of the best pieces of agricultural property in this section, and through hard work and the exercise of good judgment has reached a state of comfortable prosperity. He produces large crops of hay, grain, potatoes, and other staple products, and raises some excellent cattle, sheep, and horses. Although the greater part of his time is taken up by his regular duties at home, he has found opportunity to serve the town efficiently as a member of the Board of Selectmen and in other offices.

Mr. Andrews married Carrie L. Packard, who was born in Plainfield, February 8, 1864. Her parents, Charles and Mary (Jordan) Packard, are still residing here; and her father is a painter by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have one child, a daughter, Cora M., born July 3, 1883, who is now attending school.

Mr. Andrews is connected with Cheshire Lodge, No. 23, F. & A. M., and is Master of Park Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of Cornish. He attends the Baptist church.

HON. JOHN WHITAKER,* a retired lumber dealer of Penacook and ex-member of the State Senate, was born in Hopkinton, N.H., June 9, 1835, son of John and Hannah (Bickford) Whitaker. He is a descendant of one of three brothers who emigrated from England in the early days. His paternal great-grandfather, serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, participated in the battle of Bunker Hill, and was present at the surrender of Burgoyne. Peter Whitaker, the grandfather, a native of Deering, N.H., was a prosperous farmer.

John Whitaker, Sr., Mr. Whitaker's father, first enlisted for three months' service in the War of 1812. Upon the expiration of that term he re-enlisted for three years. In civil life he was chiefly occupied in agriculture. He met his death in a conflagration, which destroyed his dwelling and its contents in 1856.

John Whitaker was educated in the public and private schools of Hopkinton. After leaving school at the age of sixteen, his first occupation was driving a coach and assisting in an express business. In 1858 he opened a livery stable in Penacook upon his own account, and subsequently carried it on for four years. In 1864 he entered the lumber business in company with G. F. Sanborn, who withdrew at the end of one year. He then formed a partnership with H. H. Amsden and B. F. Caldwell, under the firm name of John Whitaker & Co.; and they carried on a prosperous business for some years. In 1886 Mr. Whitaker purchased the interests of his associates, and conducted the enterprise alone until 1890, when he retired from active pursuits. He is a Democrat in politics, and takes an active interest in public affairs. He served as an Assessor of Penacook in 1859, was a member of the Board of Aldermen for two years, a Representative in the legislature in 1862, and State Senator in 1893 and 1894. He is a director of the Penacook Electric Light Company, the president of the Concord Axle Company, a trustee of the Guarantee Savings Bank of Concord, and is Water Commissioner of that city.

On February 6, 1860, Mr. Whitaker was united in marriage with Frances E. Caldwell, of Penacook. A thirty-second degree Mason, he is a member of Blazing Star Lodge, Trinity Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Mount Horeb Commandery, Knights Templar; Edward A. Raymond Consistory of Nashua, N.H.; and Aleppo Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Boston.

JOHN EVANS ROBERTSON,* a well-known ice dealer of Concord, was born May 9, 1843, in Warner, N.H., son of Harrison D. and Sarah C. (Evans) Robertson, both of Warner. The families of both parents were old residents of Merrimack County, New Hampshire. The maternal ancestors originally came from Newburyport, Mass., where Grandfather Benjamin Evans officiated as Sheriff, being also a prominent business man.

John E. Robertson attended the public schools of Warner, and subsequently fitted for college in the academy at Henniker, N.H. However, after leaving school at the age of eighteen, he did not go to college. In 1864 he went to Montreal, and there engaged in the produce business, under the firm name of Buck, Robertson & Co. Six years later, on account of ill health, he returned to Warner, where he conducted a country store until 1874, when he came to Concord. Here he was assistant cashier of the National Savings Bank for eight years. Beginning in 1882 he dealt in coal, wood, and ice until 1888, when he sold out on account of failing health. Three years later he resumed the ice business, which he still carries on. He is a trustee and the assistant treasurer of the National Savings Bank. When the institution went into liquidation in 1877, he was appointed assignee by the court. He is also a trustee of the Guarantee Savings Bank of Concord.

In Bradford, N.H., August 15, 1864, Mr. Robertson was married to Martha F. Paige, of Montreal. Of their three children two are living, namely: Shirlie Louise, the wife of William A. Whitney, of Claremont, N.H.; and Carleton Evans. In politics Mr. Robertson is a stanch Democrat. He has been Town Clerk and Selectman of Warner, and he was a Representative in the New Hampshire legislature in 1871. In Concord he was the second Democratic Mayor after the incorporation of the city, serving for the year 1887–88. He is a member of Mount Horeb Commandery, K. T., and of White Mountain Lodge, I. O. O. F.

JOHN HENRY ALBIN,* one of the best known lawyers of Concord and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in Randolph, Vt., October 17, 1843, son of John and Emily (White) Albin. His ancestors on the father's side resided in Randolph for one hundred and fifty years, and his mother's family is one of the oldest in Merrimack County. He came here with his parents when he was twelve years old. Having completed his elementary education in the public schools of this city, he entered Dartmouth College in the fall of 1860, and graduated from that institution in the summer of 1864. Afterward he studied law with the Hon. Ira A. Eastman, ex-Judge of the New Hampshire Supreme Court, and was admitted to the bar in the spring of 1868. Beginning in the autumn of that year, he was associated with Judge Eastman until the latter's retirement from practice in 1873. Mr. Albin then formed with the Hon. Mason W. Tappan a partnership that lasted until Mr. Tappan's death. He subsequently became a partner with Nathaniel Martin. In 1895 Dewitt C. Howe was admitted to the firm.

On September 5, 1872, Mr. Albin wedded Georgia A. Modica, of Henniker, N.H. Of his three children two are living; namely, Henry Allison and Edith Gertrude. In politics Mr. Albin is a Republican. He was elected to the legislature from Concord in 1872, re-elected in 1873, and he represented Henniker in that body in 1876. He is the president of the Sullivan County Railroad Company, a director of the Vermont Valley and of the Connecticut River Railroad Companies, and the president of the Concord Street Railway Company. One of the most prominent Odd Fellows in the State, he is a member of White Mountain Lodge, No. 5; was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire in 1879 and 1880; represented this jurisdiction in the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1881, 1882, 1884, 1885, and 1886; was Grand Marshal of that body in 1888 and 1889; was the originator of the degrees known as the Uniform Rank and the Patriarchs Militant; and has been a trustee of the Odd Fellows Home since its foundation.

CHARLES S. TOWLE,* one of Chichester's representative farmers, was born in this town, October 17, 1854, son of James B. and Sarah (Sherburne) Towle. His grandparents, Jonathan and Sally (Fellows) Towle, who were prosperous farming people of Chichester, had twelve children, of whom Sarah J., Betsey, Mary E., Cynthia, and Olive Jane are living. Sarah J. is the widow of George P. Haines, late of this town, and has five children — Sarah J., George H., Annie M., Albert H., and Alvin M. Betsey is the widow of the late Augustus Leavitt. Mary E. is the wife of Stephen Marston, of Pittsfield, N.H.; and her children are: Angie, Munroe, Sarah, Clara, Addie, Alice, and Adelle. Cynthia married Clark Bennett; and her children are: Clarence, Nettie, Irving, and another whose name is not known. Olive Jane is the wife of Albert Thompson, of Chichester, and has four children — Ida, Arthur, Lillia, and Augustus. Jonathan Towle in his younger years was a cooper by trade. He later gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. In politics he was a Democrat. He was over eighty years old when he died. His wife also lived to a good old age. They were members of the Baptist church.

James B. Towle, the second of his parents' children, was born in Chichester and reared to farm life. He owned a good farm in Chichester. In politics he supported the Democratic party, and in his religious views he was a Methodist. He died at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, Sarah, became the mother of seven children, five of whom are living; namely, Lewis, James F., Sarah J., Viola, and Charles S. Lewis married for his first wife Helen Abbott, who had five children: Herman G., Lucy E., Sarah E., Fred L., and Charles A. For his second wife he wedded Mary Hill, of Chichester. James F. Towle married Abbie J. Watson, of this town, and has two children — F. Lenore and Paul E. Sarah J. is the wife of John F. French, of Chichester; and her children are: Lizzie H., John W., Frank D., Susan A., and Josephine P. Viola is the widow of the late Alfred Robinson; and her children are: James O. and Bert D. Mrs. James B. Towle died at the age of seventy-six years.

Charles S. Towle attended the schools of his native town, and at an early age began to assist his father upon the farm. He has followed farming very prosperously throughout his life. On May 23, 1878, he married Sarah R. Lake, daughter of Josiah and Mary A.

(Richards) Lake, of Pembroke, N.H. Their adopted daughter, Edith May, was born in Boscawen, N.H., June 7, 1890. Mr. Towle is much liked for many estimable traits of character. Both he and Mrs. Towle are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he supports the Prohibition party.

FRED H. FELLOWS,* one of Chichester's representative men, was born in this town, December 18, 1859, son of John and Ursula M. (Webster) Fellows. His grandfather, John Fellows (first), learned the blacksmith's trade in Chichester, and followed it in this town during the active portion of his life. John owned a small farm, which he also cultivated industriously. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served as a Selectman and in other town offices. He married Betsey Page, who bore him eight children, six of whom are living; namely, James B., Esther, Elizabeth J., Louisa, Frank J., and Octave. James B. married for his first wife Betsey Webster, who died leaving one son, Frank. For his second wife he married Lydia Severance, and by this union has one daughter, Hattie. Esther Fellows became the wife of George M. Warren, of Chichester; and her children are: Edwin, Charles, John, and James. Elizabeth J. married James W. Smith, of this town; and her children are: Mabel, Arvilla, and Dora. Louisa married for her first husband a Mr. Hill, by whom she had one child. By her present husband, Abraham Drake, she has had no children. Frank J. married Lizzie Upton, and has three children — Grace, Walter, and Nettie. Octave married Ann Barton, of Pittsfield, and has two sons — George and David. John Fellows (first) was for many years a Deacon of the Free Will Baptist church. He died at the age of seventy-three years, and his wife at seventy-seven.

John Fellows (second), Fred H. Fellows's father, was born in Pittsfield, N.H. At an early age he began to assist upon the farm. Having learned the blacksmith's trade, he followed that calling in connection with farming throughout his active period. He was Selectman for a number of years and a member of the legislature for two terms. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Ursula, who was a daughter of John Webster, of Sandwich, N.H., became the mother of three children — Ella A., Bessie, and Frank H. Ella is now the widow of Nathaniel S. Marston, late of Chichester, and has one son, John. Bessie is the wife of E. J. Burnham, of Manchester, N.H.; and her children are: Ursula W., Bessie A., George, and Edward. John Fellows (second) died at the age of fifty-three years, leaving a good estate. He was an active member of the Free Will Baptist church, which he served as a Deacon for several years. His wife, who survives him, is now sixty-two years old, and resides with her son at the old homestead. She united with the Free Will Baptist church many years ago.

Fred H. Fellows attended school in this town. He subsequently served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade with his father, and he has been engaged in that calling. Having succeeded to the homestead property, he carries on farming there with profit. On July 4, 1884, he wedded Cora Smith, daughter of Sydney Smith, of Pittsfield. They have three children — Lula A., Edith B., and Bessie E.

Mr. Fellows is a Democrat in politics, while he has no desire for public office. He believes in the adoption of all measures which would tend to develop the business and increase the attractiveness of the town. All who

know him respect him for his ability and progressive tendencies.

HENRY MARSHALL ELWELL,* Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Langdon, Sullivan County, N.H., son of Robert and Phœbe (Evans) Elwell, was born in this town, April 13, 1839.

His paternal grandfather, Benjamin Elwell, a lifelong resident of Langdon, was a wealthy farmer and highly esteemed citizen. He married a Miss Kendall, and had four children, named: Samuel, Betsey, Nancy, and Robert. Benjamin Elwell and his wife died on the same day, within a few minutes of each other; and their mortal remains were buried together in the same coffin. Samuel, the eldest son, lived in Langdon all his life, a well-to-do farmer. He married a Miss Jewett, and had four children — Electa, Sophronia, Nancy, and Samuel K. Betsey, the second child of Benjamin Elwell, married Simon Sartwell, a prosperous farmer of Langdon, very prominent in town affairs; and they had several children. Nancy married Colonel Ansel Glover, of Alstead, a leading Democratic politician, who was at one time a delegate from his party to the national convention in Baltimore.

Robert, the father of Henry Marshall Elwell, acquired his education in the schools of Langdon. He began his active career as a farmer, and subsequently engaged in lumbering. He made a specialty of breeding shorthorned cattle, of which he had exhibits at the principal New England County and State Fairs. His farm, one of the largest in Sullivan County, contained from twelve hundred to fifteen hundred acres. After the big fire in Bellows Falls, Vt., he furnished all the lumber for the rebuilding of the town; and in the days before the railroad was built he rafted large amounts of lumber down the Connecticut River to Holyoke, Mass. He was very enterprising and stirring, and did a good deal for the community at large. In politics he was always a Republican, and was a State Representative two or three terms and one of Governor Goodwin's Councillors. He was an attendant of the Universalist church. Phœbe, his wife, born in Rhode Island in 1810, was a daughter of Colonel Aaron Evans. She died in 1895. They were the parents of six children, of whom one died in infancy. Those who grew to maturity were: Lucia, Henry M., May, Julia, and George. Lucia died of typhoid fever while attending Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, N.H. Mary married Charles Town, a wealthy farmer of Alstead, and by that union had three children. Mr. Town died; and she has since married George W. Stanley, of Langdon. Julia, who attended school in Brattleboro, Vt., died at the age of eighteen, of heart trouble. George, living in Providence, R.I., is an owner and trainer of race horses, and has one horse named Canonicus that has a record of 2.19¼. He has twice married, his first wife being Carrie Milliken, daughter of John Milliken, of Charlestown, and his second, Emma Gilbert, of Marlboro, N.H. By the first union there were three children, including two sons, Charles and Henry; and by the second four — Carrie, Robert, Addie M, and Alice M.

After attending the Langdon schools, Henry M. Elwell studied at Tubbs Union Academy, Washington, N.H., also at an academy in Chester, Vt. Upon his return from school he stayed at home with his father, and since his father's death he has continued to carry on a successful business as a farmer.

Mr. Elwell has twice married. His first wife, Belle Foster, daughter of Levi Foster, of Walpole, N.H., died in 1868. Two of her

children are now living — Grace and Frank. Grace first married Joseph Mitchell, a druggist of Bellows Falls, Vt., and is now the wife of a Mr. Thomas, a manufacturer of tinfoil in New York City. Frank lives in Langdon. His twin sister, Fanny, died at the age of thirteen. Mr. Elwell's present wife, whose maiden name was Martha Rice, is a daughter of Charles Rice, of Walpole, N.H. Two children have been born of this union — May and Annie L.

In 1893 Mr. Elwell was elected Representative to the Lower House of the New Hampshire legislature, and served on the Normal School Committee. He has been Selectman for ten years and is the present Chairman of the Board. Every year for twenty-six years, whether he was a member of the Board or not, the Selectmen of the town have met at his house on April 1 and had dinner with him.

ANTHONY K. LANE,* one of the best known residents of Chichester, was born in this town, December 15, 1812, son of Jeremiah and Hannah (Tuck) Lane. His great-grandfather, Deacon Joshua Lane, who was born in Hampton Falls, N.H., followed agriculture in his native town, and died December 29, 1806. Jeremiah Lane (first), grandfather of Anthony K., was born in Hampton Falls, March 10, 1732. The active portion of his life was spent in farming; and he died June 21, 1806. He was a zealous church member and a Deacon. He wedded Mary Sanborn, daughter of Lieutenant Joseph Sanborn, and became the father of seven children.

Jeremiah Lane (second), Anthony K. Lane's father, was born in Hampton Falls. In early life he settled in Chichester, where he cleared and improved a large farm. One of the most industrious residents of this town in his day, he became the owner of considerable property. In politics he was a Whig, and he served as a member of the Board of Selectmen. For his first wife he married Eunice Tilton, who bore him eight children, none of whom are living. His second wife, Hannah Tuck Lane, had three children, of whom Anthony K. is the sole survivor. She died at the age of seventy-one, while Jeremiah lived to be eighty years old. They were members of the Congregational Church of Chichester.

Anthony K. Lane attended school in Chichester. Since he reached his majority, he has carried on general farming. He owns one hundred acres of well-located land, forty acres of which is under cultivation. On it is an excellent orchard. He married Sally Yeaton, daughter of John Yeaton, of Epsom, N.H., and has reared four children; namely, John Y., Ann M., Albert C., and Frank T. John Y. married Clara Perkins, of Pittsfield, N.H., and has one daughter living — Evaline Z. Ann M. is now the widow of Charles H. Ordway, late of Concord, N.H., and has two children — Charles A. and Mabel A. Albert C. graduated from Long Island College Hospital at Brooklyn, N.Y., June 24, 1879. He practised his profession thirteen years in Billerica, Mass., and in 1892 settled in West Medford, where he now resides. He married Estella J. Davis, of Pittsfield; and his children are: Clarence G. and Sadie. Frank T. married Louise Batchelder, of Raymond, N.H., and has one daughter, Blanche. Mrs. Anthony K. Lane died at the age of seventy years.

In politics Mr. Lane is a Republican, and in religious belief he is a liberal. He has long occupied a leading position among the well-to-do farmers of Chichester, and is much respected by his fellow-townsmen.

JOHN ENDICOTT,* who, with his brother, Jacob O., and his sister Mary, carries on the old farm in the town of Newport, first settled by their father Timothy in 1837, was born in this town, September 9, 1821, and is a direct descendant of John Endicott, the first governor of Massachusetts. Timothy Endicott, the father, was born in Danvers, Mass., in 1790, and was a farmer and the owner of a saw and grist mill. He removed from Danvers to East Newport, where he had about one hundred and fifty acres of land. Remaining there until 1837, he then settled in Newport, where he spent the remainder of his life. His wife, Mary Trask Endicott, was born in Beverly, Mass., about 1795. Husband and wife were both members of the Congregational church. Mr. Endicott was a Republican in politics during his later years. A good neighbor and a useful citizen, he was held in high regard by his fellow-townsmen. He died at his home in 1853. His wife survived him twenty years, passing away at the age of seventy-eight. They had five children — William, Lydia, Mary, John, and Jacob O. William died at the age of seventy-five years. Lydia married a Mr. Roberts, and passed away at the age of sixty-two. Mary, born May 8, 1816, and Jacob O., born April 20, 1823, are, as already mentioned, residing on the farm with their brother John, all being unmarried.

John Endicott received his education in the schools of his native town. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and is a typical New England farmer. He owns about five hundred acres, besides his interest in the homestead; and he had a milk route in Claremont, N.H., which he carried on for twelve years, keeping as many as thirty-nine head of cattle. He has also bred stock to some extent, and in this has been very successful. He raised the largest steer in this section, which at the age of four years weighed two thousand seven hundred pounds, and was bought by Mr. Eaton, of Manchester, for one hundred and ninety-six dollars. Mr. Endicott has also raised some fine horses, including the one known as Rocket, which was one of the fastest horses raised in the State in the early sixties, having a record of 2.16. Mr. John Endicott is a Republican, but has held no public office. He superintends the work of the farm, but some time since gave up active labor. He and his brother and sister attend the Methodist Episcopal church, and are numbered among the old established families of the town.

MOSES F. KNOWLTON,* a well-known livery man of Sunapee, N.H., was born in this town, July 24, 1845, a son of Dennis G. Knowlton. His grandfather, Samuel Knowlton, who was a lifelong resident of Sunapee, had three sons — Dennis G., Moses F., and John P. Dennis G. Knowlton had two sons — Charles A. and Moses F.

Moses F. Knowlton was educated in the schools of his native town. When he first went to work for himself, he took up general farming. Subsequently he kept a general store in Sunapee for about ten years in company with his father. He then went into the hotel business in Newport, N.H., where for four years he successfully conducted the Phenix Hotel. Finally, returning to Sunapee, he engaged in the livery business, to which he has since given his attention. He keeps a thoroughly up-to-date establishment, and some of the finest steppers and most stylish turnouts anywhere to be found may be obtained of him. As the natural result of his enterprise and ability he has been very prosperous in business. Mr. Knowlton is a public-spirited

man, highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens. He has held many important offices, all of which he has filled with tact and good judgment. In 1890–91 he represented the town in the legislature. He served four terms as Selectman, and he was Town Clerk for three years. Mr. Knowlton is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 79, at Sunapee, and also belongs to the encampment at Newport. His religious opinions are liberal, and in politics he is a Democrat. He married February 22, 1882, and has one son, John D., who was born in Newport, July 11, 1885.

HENRI G. BLAISDELL, an accomplished musician of Concord, N. H., was born in Dorchester, N. H., October 23, 1850, son of Pettingill and Laurette (Lillis) Blaisdell. He is originally of Scotch descent. His paternal grandfather was Sanborn Blaisdell, who was long a resident, and presumably a native, of Dorchester, in which town he was engaged in farming and where he spent his last years. He married Mehitable Sanborn.

Pettingill Blaisdell, father of Henri G., was born in Dorchester in 1824. He received his education in the district schools and subsequently engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling lumber, for many years conducting a large saw-mill on Baker's River. He was Postmaster of Dorchester for a long time, and still resides on his farm in that town. He and his wife, Laurette Lillis Blaisdell, reared three children — Henri G., Pettingill S., and Ella Mabel. Pettingill S. Blaisdell, a young man of marked musical ability, entered into business with his father and met his death by accident in the mill. Ella Mabel studied music, became a skilled violinist, and travelled extensively throughout the country in company with her brother Henri. She became the wife of Dr. Charles E. Fowler, of Bristol, and died April 19, 1882.

Henri G. Blaisdell obtained his general education in the district schools of his native town and at the academies at Wentworth and Keene. When but nine years old he manifested a decided talent for music, and not long after began its systematic study. That he might become proficient as a violinist, he was placed under the instruction and guidance of Carl Schultze and other well-known masters of the violin, and in course of time, by hard, conscientious work, did full credit to his teachers. Since reaching the age of fourteen, he has followed music as a profession, having travelled extensively through the United States and conducted orchestras, in connection with musical festivals and operatic presentations, in all the leading cities. He was the first to give to the people of New Hampshire an efficient orchestra, organized especially with a view to the performance of symphonies and other high-class musical works, and which he has himself conducted on various important occasions. Mr. Blaisdell has a well-established reputation as a capable and very successful teacher of the violin, and his knowledge of voice culture has caused his advice to be sought by singers from many parts of the country. He is also well versed in the history of music, has an intimate acquaintance with the works of the great masters, and is a frequent contributor to the leading magazines of the country on this and kindred topics. For ten years he was concert-master of the Handel and Haydn Society, under the management of Carl Zerrahn. The conductorship of Gilmore's concert chorus was offered to him for the three years immediately preceding Mr. Gilmore's death, but his strong at-

tachment to and preference for his native State induced him to decline. At present he is choir-master of the boys' choir of forty voices at St. Paul's Church at Concord. He has devoted some time to composition, but subordinates his practice in that branch of musical art to his work as teacher and conductor. He has a large acquaintance among the leading musicians of the country, many of whom are his warm friends.

In 1869 Mr. Blaisdell was united in marriage with Lilly D. Leonard, of Glover, Vt. He and his wife are the parents of two promising boys: Carlysle, who has already given evidence of having inherited much of his father's musical talent; and Victor J. Mr. Blaisdell is a Republican politically. Like all true artists, he loves nature, and in summer he spends much of his time at his beautiful country seat on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee and in navigating its waters in his steam yacht. He is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Concord.

JOHN J. JENNESS,* a well-to-do farmer of Pittsfield, was born in this town, April 13, 1829, son of John and Ann P. (Tilton) Jenness. The family, which is of English origin, was first represented in America by three brothers who were early settlers of Rye Beach, N.H. John Jenness (first), grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born at Rye Beach, and reared to agricultural pursuits. When a young man, he settled in Pittsfield, and was afterward engaged in tilling the soil in this town until his death, which occurred when he was forty-four years old. He rendered substantial aid in building the first Congregational church in Pittsfield, and contributed generously toward its support while he lived. In politics he was a Democrat. He married a lady named Page, and with her reared a family of three children, none of whom are living.

John Jenness (second), the father of John J. Jenness, was born in Pittsfield. The active period of his life was devoted to the cultivation of a farm in this town. An industrious and successful farmer, he acquired considerable property. Politically, he acted with the Democratic party, and for many years he was prominent in the public affairs of Pittsfield. He served with ability as Town Clerk, Moderator, and Selectman; and he represented Pittsfield in the legislature. At his death he had attained the age of sixty-one years. His wife, Ann, who is a daughter of William Tilton, of London, N.H., has been the mother of four children, three of whom are living; namely, John J., Frank W., and Lizzie A. Now ninety-three years old, she is residing at the homestead in this town.

John J. Jenness attended the school in his native town. When his studies were completed, he went to Alabama, where he worked at bridge-building and acquired a good knowledge of the business. After residing in the South four years, he went, in 1856, to California, where he was engaged in the construction of bridges for three years; and he then returned to Pittsfield. For over thirty-five years he has been one of the most successful general farmers of this town. His estate covers one hundred and twenty acres of excellent tillage land.

In 1863 Mr. Jenness married Sarah A. French, daughter of Sylvester H. French, of Pittsfield. Of the two children born to them John H. Jenness is living. In politics Mr. Jenness is a Democrat. He has rendered capable and efficient services to the town as a Selectman, and as its Representative in the State legislature during the years 1874 and

1875 he proved himself a wise and careful guardian of its interest. Mr. Jenness attends the Baptist church, of which Mrs. Jenness is a member.

ARTHUR B. CHASE,* book-keeper and paymaster of the Sugar River Mills, was born in Newport, N.H., January 3, 1833, son of Joseph T. and Elizabeth D. (Allen) Chase. Caleb Chase, the grandfather, came to Newport in 1822. He was a native of West Newbury, Mass., and a farmer by occupation. He was a member of the old South Congregational Church for many years. He died at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, Hannah Carr Chase, died at the age of seventy-six. Joseph T. Chase, father of Arthur, followed the shoemaking trade in Newport throughout his life. He was a member of the Congregational society religiously and a Whig and Free Soiler in politics. He died January 16, 1856, when not quite fifty years old. His wife, who was born March 10, 1812, survives him, and lives with her son, the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Chase had six children, of whom four are now living: Arthur B., whose name begins this sketch; Aretus T., born October 30, 1835, died June 23, 1854; Henry M., born in March, 1841, and now a resident of Minneapolis, Minn.; George A., born May 6, 1843, lives in Tyngsboro, Mass.; Francis Vosburg, born in 1848 at Greenfield, Mass., and died in 1876; and Joseph E., born June 17, 1852, and now a resident of Tennessee City, Tenn.

Arthur B. Chase was educated in the common school and high school of Newport, and at first took up his father's trade, which he followed until 1868. In that year he secured his present position as book-keeper and paymaster of the Sugar River Mills, Dexter Richards & Sons, proprietors. This concern, which has about eighty-five persons on its pay-roll, is one of the most flourishing in this vicinity. June 9, 1857, Mr. Chase married Miss Ann Richards, a sister of Mr. Dexter Richards, the well-known donor to the village of the town library, the high-school building, and other generous gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Chase have no children other than an adopted daughter, Fanny French Chase. They are both members of the Congregational church, of which Mr. Chase has been clerk for twenty years. He is also treasurer of the church and society. Heis a Republican politically, and has held the office of Town Clerk for three years. He is also secretary and treasurer of Sugar River Lodge, No. 55, I. O. O. F.

GEORGE OLIVER LOCKE,* of Pembroke, an ex-member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, was born in South New Market, N.H., September 19, 1826, son of Simeon and Clarissa (Tash) Locke. His great-grandfather, David Locke, who was a native of Yorkshire, England, became an early settler in Rye, N.H., where he owned a good farm, and resided there until his death, which occurred at a good old age.

Simeon Locke (first), grandfather of the subject of this sketch, followed farming in Epsom for a time. Later he moved to East Concord, N.H., and there spent the rest of his life. His habits of thrift and industry enabled him to acquire considerable property. In politics he voted with the Democratic party, but his retiring disposition would not permit him to take any active part in public affairs. He attended the Congregational church. At his death he was seventy-nine years old. He married Abigail Blake, a

native of Epsom, who attained the age of seventy-three, and was the mother of nine children. Of these the third, Simeon Locke (second), was born in East Concord. He settled in South New Market, and there followed his calling of mechanic for the rest of his active period. He was an able business man as well as a good mechanic, and by making proper use of his opportunities he realized excellent financial results. He was a Democrat in politics, and long occupied a prominent position in public affairs in South New Market. Simeon Locke, second, reached the venerable age of ninety-two years. He was a Deacon of the Methodist church. His wife, Clarissa, who was a native of South New Market, became the mother of thirteen children, of whom Lydia A., Sarah, Simeon, Samuel, and George Oliver, are living. Mrs. Clarissa Locke died at the age of seventy-two years.

George Oliver Locke was educated in his native town. After leaving school he went to Exeter, N.H., where he served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade. He subsequently followed his trade in Andover and Lawrence, Mass., and for many years in Pembroke. He worked at the anvil and forge for fifty years in all. In that period he saved a comfortable competency, which enabled him to retire some time since. He is now enjoying the fruits of his industry. He owns and cultivates a farm of forty acres.

On November 18, 1852, Mr. Locke married Harriet T. Locke, daughter of Josiah Locke, of East Concord. Mrs. Locke is the mother of two children — Josephine S. and Sarah A. Josephine S. was born November 9, 1857, and is now the wife of Ira B. Moore, of Rochester, N.H. Sarah A., born June 25, 1861, is the wife of A. R. Clough, of Dover, N.H., having one daughter, Sadie. Mr. Locke is an earnest supporter of the Republican party, and has been a leading spirit in public affairs. He served as Tax Collector and Highway Agent for a number of terms, and during the years 1865 and 1866 he represented this town in the legislature. He is connected with Howard Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Suncook, and with the grange in Pembroke. Both he and Mrs. Locke are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

MARTIN V. B. HASTINGS,* one of the leading farmers of Grantham, N.H., son of Jonathan B. and Rosina (Kidder) Hastings, represents the third generation of his family in this town, where he was born June 2, 1844. His grandfather, Jonas Hastings, a farmer, who came from Maine, was one of the early settlers of Grantham. He married Affie Baker, and had a family of ten children: Benjamin; Maria; Jonathan B.; Rosilla; Jonas, Jr.; William; Amos; Affie; John; and one child that died in infancy. Benjamin Hastings was a carpenter and farmer in Newport, N.H. He married Eliza Smith, and had a large family of children. Maria married Joseph Hastings, of Grantham; and Rosilla married George Colburn, of this place. Jonas engaged in the meat business at Claremont. He married Mary Whittiker, who bore him one child. William was a farmer in Grantham. His wife was Mary Hart. Amos, also a farmer, married Nancy Manchester. Affie became the wife of Julius Owen, of Hanover, and the mother of several children.

Jonathan B. Hastings, father of Martin, was born in Grantham, July 25, 1817, and was educated in the public schools of the town. He began his working life as a farmer, and has continued the occupation to the present

time. He is now advanced in years, a highly respected citizen, and one of the foremost farmers in this region. He has been a dealer in cattle and sheep up to within a short time, but now devotes himself chiefly to dairy farming. His life has been one of industry and thrift, free from dissimulation, and graced with the virtue of honesty. His children — Sophronia, Martin V. B., Mandanie, Armenie, James, Eugene, and one that died in infancy — were all born in Grantham. Sophronia married Simeon Smith, of Grantham, and has a family of four boys. Mandanie resides at Franklin, this State. Armenie is the wife of John Whitehead, of Franklin, and has two children. James lives on the homestead with his father. He married Jennie Leavitt, and they have four children. Eugene died when three or four years old.

Martin V. B. Hastings received his education in the public schools. After finishing his course of study, he went to work as a farmer and teamer, and has been successfully engaged in the same lines of business until now. He is prominent in public affairs, has long been Selectman, serving his constituents with faithfulness and ability, and holds that office at the present time. In politics he is a loyal Democrat. Fraternally, he is a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 6, of Lebanon, and of the local grange, also of Blue Mountains Lodge of Grantham, being an officer in the last-named body. He attends the Methodist church, and is ever ready to give it needed financial support.

Mr. Hastings has been twice married; and by his first wife, Carrie Little, he has one child, Florence R. His second wife, Flora Belle Pinney, was born at Plymouth, Vt., January 25, 1861. He has no children by the second marriage. Florence R. Hastings, born April 21, 1876, married Burt Lewis, of Claremont, N.H. They have two children, Robert, born March 28, 1894; and Raymond, born in August, 1896.

JOHN B. MOORE,* a prosperous dairy farmer of Plainfield, Sullivan County, N.H., son of Hiram and Ruby (Silloway) Moore, was born in this town, April 9, 1849. His great-grandfather, William Moore, who was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, emigrated to America early in the eighteenth century, and became one of the first settlers in Pembroke, N.H. He was a Deacon of the Congregational church.

James Moore, son of William, was a native of New Hampshire, but passed the greater part of his life in Vermont as a hard-working farmer. He was a noted tenor singer in his day; and for over thirty years he led the choir at the Congregational church in Thetford, Vt. He married, and reared six children, as follows: Ezra, a prosperous farmer in Vermont, who married a Miss Cutting, and reared a family; Cyrus, who followed the sea; Betsey, who married Timothy Knight, a farmer of Thetford, and had five children; Hiram, who resided in Plainfield; Jerusha, who became the wife of Lyman Cook, of Thetford, and had three sons; and Lucinda, who became Mrs. Durgin, and resided in Thetford.

Hiram Moore, son of James and father of John B. Moore, was born in Thetford, October 20, 1805. Left fatherless at the age of five years, he was reared and educated in Plainfield; and, when old enough to begin life for himself, he was employed as a farm assistant. By practising economy he saved from his earnings in the course of time a sum sufficient to buy a homestead; and, acquiring possession of the Strong farm, he resided there for the rest of his life. He carried on general farm-

ing, and was quite an extensive stock-raiser. Strictly honorable and upright, he regarded all others as honest and fair-dealing until experience proved the contrary; and thus he was often victimized, but never complained. Like his father, he possessed a good tenor voice. In politics he was a Democrat. Hiram Moore died in 1876, and was sincerely mourned by his neighbors and fellow-townsmen. His wife, whose maiden name was Ruby Silloway, was born in Plainfield, October 21, 1804. Her parents were William and Jane (French) Silloway of this town, and her father was a thrifty farmer. She became the mother of nine children, as follows: Mary; Betsey; Fanny, now deceased; Sarah and Sylvia, twins; William; Delia; George; and John B., the subject of this sketch. Mary and Betsey were born in Lincoln, Vt.; and the others were born in Plainfield. Mary married Gardner Gay, of this town. Betsey, who died in 1894, was the wife of Elijah Miller, of Hanover, N.H., late a successful farmer and a prominent citizen, who represented his town in the legislature. They had three children, two of whom are living. Sarah married Atwood Reed, a well-to-do farmer of Plainfield, and has two children. Sylvia, deceased, was the wife of David Kimball, of Lebanon, and had no children. William owned and operated a grist-mill in Meriden, N.H., until his death, which occurred in 1893; and he accumulated considerable property. His wife, Margaret Havens, of Plattsburg, N.Y., died about one year ago, leaving no children. Delia Moore died very young. George, who is a carpenter in Meriden, married Lucretia Havens, a sister of his brother's wife, and has two children. Mrs. Ruby S. Moore is still living, and is unusually active both physically and mentally for one of her age. She reads the newspapers and magazines without the aid of spectacles, and takes as much interest in every-day topics as do those of a younger generation.

John B. Moore completed his education at the Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, and assisted in carrying on the home farm until he was twenty-one. He then leased a farm for a time; and later, purchasing one of the Spencer farms, he carried it on for eight years, or until buying the Underhill property, where he now resides. He is a practical and industrious farmer, tilling the soil to some extent, but giving his principal attention to the dairy. He is Steward of the grange in this town. Politically, he is a Republican.

Mr. Moore married Elizabeth Pardy, who was born in Plattsburg, N.Y., July 7, 1852, daughter of John Pardy, of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have had two children — Bessie, born April 11, 1876; and Nellie, born in May, 1878, who died in infancy. Bessie Moore attended Kimball Union Academy, and shortly after graduating she married Almener Merrihew, of Plattsburg.

Mr. Moore inherits from his ancestors considerable musical ability, and for several years has sung in the choir of the Congregational church at Meriden. He has in his possession a Bible, which was brought from Ireland by his great-grandfather, and is said to be over two hundred years old, an interesting and valuable family relic and heirloom.

DR. RUFUS MERRILL WEEKS,* who resides in the village of Suncook, and is a well-known dentist in the town of Pembroke, was born in Gilford, N.H., December 15, 1854, son of William and Lizzie (Hutchinson) Weeks. Benjamin Weeks, the grandfather of Dr. Weeks, in his younger days was a farmer. He later learned

the tanner's trade, which he followed for a time. Then he kept a general store in Gilford. He became prominent in business circles and in public affairs, holding various town offices; and he was connected with the old State militia. In politics he was a Whig. He married, and reared a family of seven children. Of the latter the only survivor is Mrs. Harriet Gilman, who resides in Gilford. Benjamin Weeks and his wife lived to a good old age. He left with a good estate the reputation of an able and successful business man.

William Weeks, a native of Gilford and the third-born of his parents' children, was brought up on a farm. At an early age he displayed a natural aptitude for agricultural pursuits. The active period of his life was spent in tilling the soil of a good farm in Gilford, and he attained prominence as a practical and successful farmer. In politics he acted with the Republican party in his later years. He served as a Selectman for some time, and represented his district in the legislature. His wife, Lizzie, became the mother of eight children, of whom there are living: Elizabeth A., William H., Orin, Annetta E., Fred A., Arthur B., and Rufus M. Elizabeth A. is the wife of Robinson Merrill, of Laconia, and has one daughter, Flora, who is now Mrs. Charles H. Collins, of Lakeport, N.H. William H. wedded Mary Potter, of Gilford; and his children are: Nathaniel H., Julia, Stark, and Millie. Orin married Arvilla Page, of Thornton, N.H., and has four children — Burt, Lizzie, Eliza, and Fred. Annetta E. is the wife of Edwin Munsey, of Los Angeles, Cal.; and her children are: Laura and Fred. Fred A. married Laura Gilman, of Gilford, and has no children. Arthur B. married Carrie Robbins, of Manchester, N.H., who died, leaving one son, Harry A. William Weeks died at the age of sixty-six years, and his wife lived to be seventy-two. They were members of the Free Will Baptist church.

After acquiring his early education in the common schools, Rufus Merrill Weeks attended the academy at Laconia. His dental studies were begun in Manchester, N.H., with Dr. C. W. Clement, with whom he remained three years, attending a course of lectures in Boston in that period. In 1875 he opened an office in Suncook, and has since practised his profession here with success.

Dr. Weeks was united in marriage with Luella B. Hoyt, daughter of Amos Hoyt, of Manchester. They have no children. Politically, Dr. Weeks is a Republican. He is widely and favorably known as a skilful dentist, and as a citizen he is highly respected and esteemed. He is Past Master of Jewell Lodge, F. & A. M.; Past High Priest of Hiram Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he was one of the organizers; and he is a thirty-second degree Mason. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mrs. Weeks is a member of the Congregational church.

LESTER L. COLLINS,* a prosperous dairy farmer and milk dealer of Franklin, was born in this town, September 21, 1868, son of Jonathan L. and Hannah K. (Floyd) Collins. Jonathan L. Collins, who is a native of Grafton, N.H., moved from that town to Franklin, and settled upon the farm which is now occupied by his son. He improved the property, and occupied it until 1890, when he removed to another farm in this town, and is still actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. His wife, Hannah, who was a native of Franklin, died March 4, 1896, leaving three children,

namely: Vina A., wife of James W. Huntoon, of this town; Lester L., the subject of this sketch; and Oakey H., who resides with his father.

Lester L. Collins, after attending the common schools, completed his studies at the New Hampton Institute. He then engaged in farming, which occupation he has since carried on with satisfactory results. In 1892 he established a milk route in company with his brother. He has two hundred acres of land well adapted for pasturage, and keeps eighteen choice cows, delivering to his regular customers a large quantity of milk daily.

On August 12, 1896, Mr. Collins was united in marriage with Miss Mabel N. Greeley. Mrs. Collins is a daughter of Alonzo S. and Mary L. (Sargent) Greeley, her father being a native of Salisbury, N.H., and her mother of Hill. They are industrious farming people of East Andover.

Mr. Collins is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of Merrimac Lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., and belongs to the Order of American Mechanics of Franklin. He possesses energy and a progressive tendency, which form the essential elements of his continued success; and he is one of the most popular young men in Franklin.

CHARLES M. BABBITT,* the well-known contractor and builder of Franklin Falls, was born in Hanover, N.H., son of Isaac and Wealthy (Lovejoy) Babbitt. His grandfather, Asa Babbitt, who came from England, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and spent the greater part of his life upon a farm in Hanover, dying in 1837.

Isaac Babbitt and his wife, both natives of Hanover, were prosperous farming people. Isaac died in 1878, and Wealthy in 1894. They were the parents of twelve children, namely: Marinda, now deceased, who married William Ward, a merchant of Lebanon, N.H.; Isaac Sylvester, who married Melissa S. Stephens, of Springfield, N.H., and is now a widower; Leonard H., deceased, who married Rachel Merrill, of Hanover, now also deceased; Almina, who married Frederick Merrill, a farmer of Hanover; Charles M., the subject of this sketch; Austin M., who married Louisa Clough, of Canaan, N.H., and died in 1893; Darwin J., who married Alina Briggs, of Lebanon, and is an optician; Alden A., who married Anna Dunton, of Jefferson, Me., and is an optician in Lebanon; Dexter W., who married Leafy D. Brown, of New York State, and is a merchant in Lebanon; Emily, who married George Ross, a farmer of Plainfield, N.H., and is now deceased; Wealthy A., deceased, who married Isaac Hatch, of Hanover; and George W., who married Esther Valentine, and is a building contractor in Lebanon.

Charles M. Babbitt passed his boyhood in attending school and assisting upon the farm. He resided at home until twenty-one years old, when he engaged in the lumber business in Enfield, N.H., remaining there for nine years. He then came to Franklin, where he conducted a boarding-house for some years. In 1873 he erected his present residence. Since his arrival in Franklin he has given his attention to the contracting and building business quite extensively. He also owns and cultivates a good farm.

On January 30, 1856, Mr. Babbitt was joined in marriage with Alvina W. Jeune. She was born in Hartland, Vt., March 29, 1836, daughter of Francis C. and Rebecca E. (Cady) Jeune. The father was a native of Hartland and a lumberman. The mother was

born in Windsor, Vt. Mr. Babbitt is a director of the Franklin Falls Company. In politics he is a Republican and quite active in public affairs. He served as a Selectman in 1887 and 1888, and was First Councilman for two years. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Franklin, and also with the grange. Both he and Mrs. Babbitt attend the Baptist church.

CHARLES H. MORRILL,* a prosperous farmer and lumber manufacturer of Pittsfield, was born in this town, January 14, 1829, son of Jacob and Mary (Hoyt) Morrill. His paternal great-grandfather, who was a native of Salisbury, Mass., settled in Brentwood, N.H., and resided upon a farm in that town for the rest of his life. His grandparents, Jonathan and Betsey (Gordon) Morrill, were natives of Brentwood. Jonathan Morrill was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits in his native town, and his last days were spent in Pittsfield. He lived to be sixty-nine years old, and his wife died at sixty-seven. They were the parents of five children — Amos, Betsey, Hannah G., Jacob, and Louise — none of whom are living.

Jacob Morrill, Charles H. Morrill's father, was born in Brentwood in 1802. At an early age he adopted agriculture as an occupation. When twenty-two years old he went to Northwood, N.H., where he resided for some time. In 1828 he bought a farm of sixty-five acres located in Pittsfield, and cultivated it for the rest of his active period. His wife, Mary, who was a native of Northwood, became the mother of four children, of whom Charles H., Hezekiah B., and John C. are living. Hezekiah married Abigail Saunders, of Strafford, N.H.; and his children are: Clarence and Abbie L. John C. married Mary J. Kensington, a native of Maine. Jacob Morrill lived to be eighty-nine years old, and his wife died at the age of forty-nine. They were members of the Free Will Baptist church.

Charles H. Morrill acquired his education in the schools of Pittsfield. While still young he began to assist in carrying on the homestead farm. He later engaged in agricultural pursuits upon his own account, and now owns a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres. He also operates a saw-mill, where he makes shingles, etc., on a large scale.

On March 20, 1861, Mr. Morrill married Ruth E. Edgerly. She is a daughter of Ezekiel and Deborah M. (Chesley) Edgerly, the former of whom was a native of Barnstead, and the latter was born in Gilmanton, N.H. Ezekiel Edgerly followed the trade of a tanner in early life, and his last years were spent in general farming. He died at the age of eighty, and his wife lived to the age of ninety-two years. They reared a family of four children, of whom Ruth E. is the only survivor. Mrs. Morrill's parents attended the Free Will Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Morrill have three sons living — Edward S., Charles C., and Francis M. Edward S., born March 16, 1870, married Lulu Heath, of Epsom, N.H.; Charles C. was born January 1, 1871; and Francis M., October 6, 1873. In politics Mr. Morrill supports the Republican party. He is a practical and successful farmer. Both he and Mrs. Morrill attend the Free Will Baptist church.

SUMNER N. BALL,* the proprietor of Oak Hill Farm, Washington, was born in this town, June 3, 1854, son of Dexter and Hannah (Jefts) Ball. His grandfather, John Ball, was a native of

Antrim, N.H., and a prosperous farmer. John married Rebecca Proctor, of Stoddard, N.H., and reared a family of seven children; namely, Dexter, Worcester, Allen, Melvin, Nathaniel W., Rebecca H., and Rosanna. Of these Dexter and Worcester are the only survivors.

Dexter Ball, the father of Sumner N., was born in Antrim, and accompanied his parents to Washington when he was three years old. He grew to manhood as a farmer, and tilled the soil successfully in this town for many years. He is now living in retirement at Washington Centre. His first wife, Hannah Jefts Ball, who was a native of New Ipswich, N.H., died in 1886. His second marriage was contracted with Elizabeth Perkins, of Washington. There were eight children born of his first union, of whom three died in infancy. The others were: George D., John, Orin, Sumner N., and Arlow. John died at the age of thirteen; Orin, at sixteen; and Arlow, at thirty years. George D., now deceased, married Adeline Cram, who also died. They left one daughter, Lizzie, who is the wife of K. S. Nichols, of Massachusetts, and has one son, Fred.

Sumner N. Ball began his education in the district schools, and completed his studies at Tuffs's Union Academy in Washington. When twenty-one years old he went to Antrim, and for five years was there engaged in farming for ex-Governor Goodell. He was next employed in a cutlery manufactory for a year, and then purchased a job printing establishment. In 1880 he founded the Antrim *Reporter*, a weekly newspaper, which he later enlarged. He continued as its editor and proprietor for eight years; and in 1888 he sold out to C. W. Hutchins, of Hillsborough, N.H. Returning then to Washington, he bought the John Ball homestead, containing two hundred and sixty-five acres of excellent tillage and pasture land. Oak Hill Farm is widely known for the superior quality of its dairy products. Its proprietor is also engaged in raising sheep and cattle and the manufacturing of maple sugar. Mr. Ball ranks among the leading farmers of this section. Actively interested in public affairs, he was Selectman for four years; and he has served in the capacities of Town Auditor and a member of the School Board. He is connected with Waverly Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., of Antrim; and he has been Master of Lovell Grange, No. 5, Patrons of Husbandry, of Washington.

On November 26, 1884, Mr. Ball was united in marriage with Carrie B. Brooks. She was born in Antrim, daughter of Joseph and Betsey (Whitcomb) Brooks. Her father, who was a cabinet-maker by trade, died while serving as a soldier in the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Ball have two children, namely: John S., born August 30, 1886; and Nina M., born February 27, 1889. Mr. Ball is a member of the Baptist church, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for several years.

CAPTAIN HARRY C. FAY,* editor-in-chief of the *National Eagle*, a bright and thoroughly up-to-date newspaper published in Claremont, was born in Richmond, Vt., November 30, 1830, son of Captain Nathan and Polly (Colby) Fay. Stephen Fay, his great-great-grandfather, was an early settler in Bennington, Vt., and was the father of eight children. His son John kept the Catamount Tavern, which during his day became a meeting-place for many great statesmen, who formed a legislative body, and held there meetings known as "Councils of Safety." He, John, fell in the battle of Bennington. His son, Nathan Fay, served as a

drummer boy in the same battle, in Colonel Warner's command. Nathan, who was a cloth-dresser by trade, removed from Bennington to Richmond, Vt., about the year 1781, and established there a cloth-dressing house, which he carried on successfully for a number of years, leaving a flourishing business at the time of his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-seven. He married a daughter of Colonel Safford, a member of an old and prominent family of Bennington.

Captain Nathan Fay, father of the subject of this sketch, continued the business of cloth-dressing after the death of his father; but, it subsequently becoming less profitable, he turned his attention in part to farming, and at the time of his death was the owner of one thousand acres of land. A member in early life of the Democratic party, he held office continuously for twenty-five years, representing his town in the legislature at six different periods, and serving it as Selectman throughout his public career. A good penman and a close student, he possessed also a fair knowledge of the law, and transacted much legal business. He was the administrator and executor of many estates, and, with a generosity not often seen, rarely accepted remuneration for his services. He belonged to the Universalist church, toward the support of which he liberally contributed. Faithful to every public and private obligation, and of rare public spirit, his death at the age of eighty-one was widely regretted. His first wife was Maria Murray. By his second wife, Polly, who was a daughter of Elliot Colby, he had eight children — Nathan M., Safford, Mary Ann, Martha, Enos C., Harry C., Elliot, and Arnold.

Harry C. Fay was the first of this large family to leave the shelter of the parental roof-tree. At the age of fifteen he went to Montpelier, where he learned the printer's trade in the office of Eli Ballou, publisher of the *Universalist*. After serving a three years' apprenticeship, he returned to school at South Woodstock and at Thetford, Vt., having previously studied for a few terms at both institutions. Going to Potsdam, N.Y., in 1850, he there bought out William Wallace, a printer and publisher, and edited the *Courier and Freeman* for eleven years. He was appointed Postmaster of Potsdam, in which office he served from 1856 to 1860. When the Civil War broke out he sold out his interests to his brother Elliot, who was exempt from military duty, and at the call for three hundred thousand men in September, 1861, enlisted for three years' service in the Ninety-second New York Regiment, in which he was commissioned Captain. He was wounded at Cold Harbor, Va., and became commander of the regiment after that engagement. At Petersburg, Va., he received a wound in the ankle, and in February, 1865, was mustered out of the service. He then returned to his native town, Richmond, Vt., and the following fall, in company with his brother Arnold, who had served as Captain of the Seventeenth Vermont Regiment during the war, went to Irasburg, Vt., where he was engaged in farming for about two years. Subsequently selling his farm to his brother Arnold, he went into the printing business at Waterbury, where he remained, however, but a short time, going thence to Burlington, Vt. After conducting business a while in Burlington, he sold out, and in 1872 entered the employ of the Claremont Manufacturing Company, with whom he served as foreman for seven years. In 1880 he purchased the *National Eagle*, and, taking upon himself the editorial duties, has been since thus engaged. The *Eagle* was established in 1834, under the direction of a

committee appointed at a Whig Sullivan County Convention the year before. It has since passed through many hands, and it is worthy of note that Mr. Fay's proprietorship has already lasted longer than that of any of his predecessors. Since he took charge of it, its circulation has increased more than threefold, and it is now upon a firm financial basis. It has a wide reputation for fairness, the correctness of its news items, and its able editorials. In 1890 Mr. Fay took into partnership his son, Nathan W. Fay, and his son-in-law, William H. Thompson. Besides publishing the paper, the firm has a monopoly of the job printing business in Claremont. Captain Fay is said to be the oldest living publisher in New Hampshire. He has figured more or less prominently in politics, and during 1887 and 1888 was Representative to the New Hampshire legislature. He has for many years been a member of the Episcopal church, which he has served in an official capacity.

Captain Fay married Miss Nancy L. Skinner, daughter of the Rev. Warren Skinner, a Universalist minister and one of the early pioneers of Universalism in this section, and who served with the rank of Orderly Sergeant in the War of 1812. Captain and Mrs. Fay are the parents of two children: Nathan W., who is now in partnership with his father; and Lillie. The last named married William H. Thompson, son of Samuel Liscom and Alsada Eleanor (Flint) Thompson. Mr. Thompson's grandfather, William Thompson, who was a successful wholesale and retail dealer in meat and provisions in Worcester, Mass., had two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Samuel L., was engaged for some time in business with his father in Worcester, but subsequently removed from that place to Perkinsville, Vt., and thence to Chester in the same State. A Republican politically, he was largely interested in local politics, and held various public offices, among them those of Deputy Sheriff, Selectman, and Justice of the Peace. He had eight children: Moses Waldo; Ella Maria; Harriet Alsada; William, who died in infancy; William H.; Sarah, who died at the age of six years; Samuel Leslie; and one other, who died unnamed. The eldest, Moses Waldo, has been established in the clothing business in Boston for the past thirty-five years, being a member of the firm of Thompson, Willis & Nugent. Ella Maria married A. E. Snell, and resides in Lewiston, Idaho. Harriet Alsada became the wife of E. P. Mudge, Clerk of the Court in Lewiston, Idaho. Samuel Leslie is a druggist in the same place. At the age of twelve years William H. Thompson went to Cavendish, Vt., where he found employment in the store of a Mr. Pierce, a merchant and an ex-schoolmaster. During his three years there he was under the tutorage of his employer, and made rapid progress in his studies. The next five years were spent with Messrs. Chandler Brothers, merchants of Proctorsville, Vt.; and subsequently he travelled for a year as salesman for S. Washburn Holmes, a wholesale grocer. After other business experiences he removed in 1880 to Claremont, and entered into partnership with Captain Fay, as above narrated. His services as a member of the firm have contributed in no small degree to its prosperity.

DANIEL L. MOORE,* a successful farmer of Loudon, Merrimack County, was born here, June 30, 1843, son of Archelaus and Harriett T. (Lowell) Moore, his parents also being natives of this town. Archelaus Moore, first, the grandfather, lived and died in Loudon,

having followed agriculture here all his active life; and his father, the great-grandfather of Daniel L., was the first of the name to settle here. Archelaus Moore, second, followed the vocation of his forefathers, and died leaving eight children: Abigail, wife of P. L. French, of East Concord, N.H.; Lydia Amanda, who married Hugh T. Warren, a farmer of Pembroke, N.H.; Jennie, now deceased, who became the wife of James Richardson, a carriage-maker of Pembroke; Monroe A., who died at the age of sixteen; Daniel L., the subject of this brief sketch; Addie, who is the widow of Alfred Dearborn, and resides in Concord, N.H.; Lucian B. and Etta, both of whom died young.

Daniel L. Moore spent his youth on the home farm, and was brought up to agricultural life. He married first Mary Lavina Weeks, a daughter of Samuel and Abigail T. (French) Weeks, her father being a farmer and tanner of Gilmanton. After his marriage Mr. Moore carried on the home farm, also raising fruit and dealing to some extent in lumber. He now owns five hundred acres of well-improved land. Mr. Moore is a Democrat, and takes an active part in local politics. In 1891 and 1892 he represented his district in the legislature. By his wife, Mary Weeks Moore, he had seven children, namely: Annie; Lura; two sons who died in infancy; Josia; an infant unnamed; and Alfred T., born July 7, 1867, who is a farmer in the vicinity of the old home. Alfred T. Moore married Minnie E. Clough, who was born November 1, 1867, daughter of Lathan C. and Mary E. (Dimond) Clough, her father being a stone cutter and farmer of Groton, N.H. His first wife dying, Mr. Daniel L. Moore married for his second wife Miss Mary Anna Sleeper, daughter of Levi F. and Eliza (Wells) Sleeper, her parents being residents of this locality. By her he has two children — Carl C. and Dwight E., both living at home. Mr. Moore and his family attend the Second Advent church on Loudon Ridge.

M. SWAIN CLOUGH, a Selectman of Pittsfield and an ex-member of the New Hampshire legislature, was born in this town, April 6, 1849, son of Benjamin A. and Lydia A. (Sinclair) Clough. His grandfather, William Clough, who was born in Barrington, N.H., came to Pittsfield as a pioneer. He cleared and improved a farm, and was a prominent man in his day. In politics he was a Republican. He married Sarah Swain, who was also a native of Barrington; and they were the parents of nine children, none of whom are living. Of these Benjamin A., father of the subject of this sketch, was the youngest son. Mrs. William Clough lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years. She and her husband were members of the Free Will Baptist church.

Benjamin A. Clough, also a native of Pittsfield, was in trade in Barrington in his younger days. Later he settled upon the old homestead, where he tilled the soil successfully until his death, which occurred when he was about fifty-six years old. He was a Republican in politics, and was a member of the Board of Selectmen for some time. In his religious belief he was a Congregationalist. His wife, Lydia, a daughter of Micajah Sinclair, of Stratham, N.H., became the mother of one son, M. Swain, and died at the age of forty-six.

The education of M. Swain, commenced in the common schools, was completed at the Pittsfield Academy. After leaving school he assisted upon the home farm until he was twenty-two years old. He then entered the provision business, in which he continued for

ten years. In 1885 he established himself in the livery business, which he has since followed successfully. He owns some valuable real estate in Pittsfield. In politics he is a Republican, and he is prominent in public affairs. He has served as Town Auditor, has been Deputy Sheriff for the past four years, was Representative to the legislature in 1894 and 1895, and was elected Selectman in 1896.

In June, 1888, Mr. Clough was united in marriage with Jessie Harvey, daughter of Elder Joseph Harvey, of Pittsfield. Mr. and Mrs. Clough have no children. Mr. Clough is a member of the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Improved Order of Red Men. He is highly esteemed by his fellow-townsmen, both as a citizen and an efficient public official.

CHARLES N. CLOUGH,* Selectman of Canterbury and a well-known farmer, was born here, January 15, 1849, son of Colonel David M. and Almira (Batchelder) Clough. He belongs to an old and prominent family. His great-grandfather, Leavitt Clough, Sr., was likewise born in Canterbury, where he also lived and died. Leavitt Clough, Jr., was a farmer and a Justice of the Peace in his native town.

Colonel David M. Clough, popularly known as "Corn King," who belongs to the third generation of Cloughs in Canterbury, was born June 9, 1805. He was educated in the district schools of his native place and at the Gilmanton Academy. At the age of eighteen he began to teach school, and he subsequently followed that occupation for several years. In 1832 he removed to Gilmanton, where he lived for the next ten years. In 1856, returning to the old homestead, he bought the farm now owned by his son, and there was engaged in farming and the real estate business for the remainder of his life. He died January 31, 1886. Three times he received the nomination of the Democratic party for the Governor's Council, and he was elected to this office for the first term of Governor Weston's administration. He represented the town in the State legislature for two years, and served it as Selectman for four years. He was twice married, first on October 25, 1828, to Almira Batchelder, who was born June 7, 1805, daughter of Ebenezer Batchelder. She had borne him five children, when she died November 5, 1851. The second marriage, performed June 17, 1856, united him with Mrs. Caroline Gibson Towne, of Canterbury, daughter of Samuel Towne, Jr. There were no children by this second marriage. Mrs. Caroline Clough, now eighty-two years old, resides with her stepson, Henry L. Clough, in Canterbury. Colonel Clough's children by his first wife were: Elmira, Henry Leavitt, Mary S., Edwin Davis, and Charles N. Elmira, born in 1830, died August 9, 1838. Henry Leavitt, born February 17, 1837, married Belle H. Shaw, of Concord, March 31, 1887, and has one child, Elmira E., born November 25, 1887. He carried on a grocery business in Concord for thirteen years; but now he resides at the old homestead, where in summer he entertains about twenty boarders. Mary S., born in 1836, died August 2, 1838. Edwin Davis, born October 5, 1843, married Eliza Jane Couch, and now resides in Concord, where he is engaged in the cider and vinegar business.

Charles N. Clough, the youngest child of his parents, attended the district schools and Gilmanton College. Since his marriage Mr. Clough has devoted his attention almost exclusively to farming. He now owns three hundred acres of well-improved farm land in Canterbury township, on the Merrimac Inter-

vale. In connection with his farm quite a large dairy business is carried on. He was elected Selectman of Canterbury, which office he now holds. In politics he is a Democrat, and he takes an active interest in the affairs of the town. He is a Mason of Horace Chase Lodge, No. 62, of Penacook, N.H.; and a member of the local grange of Patrons of Husbandry, of which he was Overseer for some time. His wife, whose maiden name was Emma T. Morrill, and who came from Brighton, Mass., has made him the father of two children. Their son, David Morrill, was born in 1879, and their daughter, Caroline G., in 1886. Both parents are members of the Baptist church at Penacook. Many old family relics which have been in the possession of the Cloughs for many years are now owned by Mr. Clough and his brother Henry.

JOHN S. R. BROWN, a prominent farmer of Loudon, Merrimack County, N.H., was born in this town, May 29, 1819, son of Richard and Mehitable S. (Rollins) Brown. The Brown family has resided in New Hampshire for five generations. Joseph Brown, great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Rye, N.H., January 30, 1689, and died there, March 19, 1759. His wife, Elizabeth, was born May 16, 1693, and died January 21, 1760. Their son Joseph, who was born in Rye, September 2, 1722, had a farm in Epsom, where he spent the greater part of his life. He died April 1, 1771. His wife, Abigal Shaw Brown, also of Rye, was born October 2, 1724, and died December 4, 1785. Their son Job, next in line, was born in Epsom, N.H., August 14, 1750, and remained in his native town until about 1791, when he moved to Gilmanton, where he engaged in farming. He died there August 1, 1814. His wife, in maidenhood Hulda Page, of Hampton, N.H., was born March 10, 1756, and died December 29, 1831. They had five children, namely: David, who was born August 11, 1779, married Betsey Able, and died August 20, 1867; Joseph, who was born June 10, 1782, and died August 4, 1800; Nancy, who was born June 14, 1784, married Charles Rollins, and died in November, 1841; Abigail, who was a twin sister of Nancy, and died January 6, 1786; and Richard, the father of the subject of this sketch.

Richard Brown, who was born November 17, 1787, received his education in the common schools of Epsom, and at an early age was employed in assisting his father on the farm. When but sixteen years old he began to teach school, which occupation he followed successfully for ten years, besides doing some farming. At the age of twenty-six he moved to Loudon, and bought the farm on which his son John now resides. He died in Loudon, June 11, 1867. He served efficiently in the State militia, and rose to the ranks successively of Captain and a General. Richard Brown was three times married. His first wife, in maidenhood Mehitable Rollins, was born in Loudon, September 9, 1793, daughter of John Rollins, her father being a native of Loudon, and the son of Eliphalet Rollins, who was the first of the family to settle in this town. They were married August 1, 1813, and had four children, namely: Sarah Ann, born July 28, 1816, who married Thomas French, and died March 15, 1853, her husband passing away just two months later; John S. R., the subject of this sketch; Jane S. R., born August 11, 1821, who married in 1842 John S. Osborn, and now lives in Loudon; and Mehitable A. T., born November 12, 1823, who married Hiram Wing, May 31, 1852, and

died July 19, 1887. Richard Brown married for his second wife Sarah S. French, who was born February 11, 1809, and died February 19, 1838. By her he had two children: Albira W., who was born November 26, 1832, and died March 31, 1859; and Ann Eliza, who was born September 12, 1837, and died in infancy. Mr. Brown was married for the third time in 1838 to Sarah Jewett, of Gilford, N.H., born April 13, 1798, who died January 18, 1865, at the age of sixty-seven. By her he had one child, Hulda Maria, born November 20, 1840, who married Quincy Jewett, January 11, 1865, and died in September, 1870.

John S. R. Brown remained at home with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-six years. He then travelled six years for a Bible society, and subsequently settled on the farm where he now lives, and where he is engaged in general farming and fruit-raising. It contains about three hundred and fifty acres of fine land, and he has greatly improved the property since it came into his possession. Mr. Brown was formerly connected with the State militia, in which he gained the rank of Second Lieutenant. In politics he is a Republican. He married November 16, 1852, Achsa Ann Mills, who was born January 21, 1820, a daughter of John and Alice (Williams) Mills, of Hampstead, N.H. Mrs. Brown's father was first a sailor, but subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits, and also worked at coopering. He died in Dunbarton in 1831. Her mother died in Plaistow, N.H., May 8, 1857. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had seven children, namely: Ann Elizabeth, born September 1, 1853, who married Frank Fletcher, and lives in Loudon; Clara Jane, born March 3, 1855, who married John E. Dustin, of Pittsfield; Abbie Maria, born January 26, 1857, who became the wife of Charles E. Lane, of Exeter; Richard Henry, born March 8, 1859, who resides with his parents; David Hamlin, born March 19, 1861, who married Lizzie Jenkins, of Barnstead, and is now a resident of Laconia; John Parker Mills, who, born April 27, 1864, married Florence P. Day, of Bradford, Mass., December 28, 1891, lives with his father, and has two children — Earl D. and Gladys; and Mary Alice, born May 8, 1867, who married Charles A. Hedgerly, October 24, 1894, and resides in Pittsfield. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Congregational Church of Loudon, in which Mr. Brown is a Deacon and clerk. They take an active interest in the welfare of the community, and are ever ready to aid a worthy cause.

MOODY GILLINGHAM, for many years an active farmer and prominent citizen of Newbury, Merrimack County, N.H., was born on the old Gillingham homestead, January 2, 1811, and died here, October 16, 1882. He was of English ancestry, being a lineal descendant of the emigrant, James Gillingham, who crossed the Atlantic to seek a new home in the western world over two hundred years ago, and settling in Salem, Mass., there married in May, 1692, Rebecca Bly, daughter of John Bly. [See Savage's "Genealogical Dictionary."]

Their son James, second, born in 1696, came to Newbury, N.H., locating on the north side of Todd Pond, where he bought two hundred and fifty acres of heavily timbered land, which formed a portion of the Pierce grant. His son James, the third of that name in direct line, succeeded to the ownership of the original homestead, on which he made material improvements, replacing the first rude dwelling-house by the present residence, which he

erected in 1813. He was twice married. His first wife, Polly Little, a native of Sutton, bore him three children — James, Daniel, and Ruth. His second wife, Betsey Lane, of Newbury, became the mother of fourteen children, one of whom was Moody, the special subject of this sketch.

Moody Gillingham remained beneath the parental roof-tree until his marriage, when he went to Warrensburg, N.Y., there engaging in agricultural pursuits until the death of his father, two years later, recalled him to Newbury. At once taking possession of the homestead, he resided here until his demise, as above noted. He was very successful in farming, and in business of all kinds, possessing keen perceptions, good judgment, and an excellent command of language. He was a clear, ready speaker, rarely worsted in argument, and exerted an influence for good in the community. He served as Selectman for three years in Newbury. In his religious views he was broad and liberal, inclining to the Universalist faith. He married Julia Twiss, daughter of Jeremiah and Marion (Peaslee) Twiss. She was born in Bradford, October 4, 1815, and died June 11, 1869. They had four children; namely, Charles H., Albert L., Freeman H., and Clara I. Charles H. Gillingham married Elinda, daughter of John and Mary (Marriott) Maud, natives of England. They have six children — Maud C., Annie E., Mary A., Moody, Ralph B., and Julia. Albert L. died in Salina, Kan., October 16, 1892. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Robertson, bore him four children: Lena M.; Irvill; Pearl; and Clara I., who is the wife of Jesse P. Colby, of Danvers, Mass.

Freeman H. Gillingham was born on the Gillingham homestead, and there grew to years of maturity, acquiring a thorough knowledge of practical agriculture. On October 29, 1877, he married Annie, daughter of Cummings and Caroline (Dowlin) Pierce, and immediately removed to the Pierce farm in Bradford. Two years later Mr. Pierce retired from active labor; and Mr. Gillingham took a lease of the farm, which he has since managed with eminent success, carrying on general farming with most satisfactory results. He has been prominent in local affairs, having served on the School Committee, and as one of the Selectmen of the town in 1881 and again in 1895, when he was Chairman of the Board. In 1896 he was elected to the State legislature from Bradford. He is a Republican in politics, but is popular in both parties.

Mr. Gillingham's first wife died February 17, 1893, leaving no children. On May 25, 1895, he married Miss Ida M. Ewins, a daughter of John H. Ewins, who was born and still lives in Warner. Mr. Ewins married Lucetta Pierce, who was born on the Pierce farm, a daughter of Captain Cummings Pierce, and sister of Mr. Gillingham's first wife. She died January 27, 1891, leaving two children, namely: Marietta, wife of Alpheus B. Huntoon, of Salisbury, N.H.; and Ida M., now Mrs. Gillingham.

Captain Cummings Pierce was born in Hillsborough, N.H., May 22, 1803, a son of Nathan and Phebe (Cummings) Pierce. He was a first cousin of the late President Pierce. His parents removed from Hillsborough to Bradford in 1821, and bought the Pierce homestead, now occupied by Freeman H. Gillingham. Cummings Pierce succeeded to the ownership of the home farm, and continued the improvement of the land, clearing a large part of it, and soon after his marriage erected the present residence. He belonged for some years to an artillery company in the old State militia, serving as Captain the most of the time. He was strictly honorable and upright,

and even in temper and disposition. Such a man necessarily holds a high position in any community, and Captain Pierce was no exception. He served in all the town offices, and for many years was Selectman. In 1860 and 1861 he served as a Representative in the State legislature.

In 1833 Captain Pierce married Caroline Dowlin, who died April 14, 1874, leaving two children, namely: Lucetta, who married John H. Ewins, and died January 27, 1891; and Annie, who was the first wife of Freeman H. Gillingham, and died February 17, 1893. Captain Pierce survived his wife and both daughters, passing away November 13, 1893.

ALBERT STEVENS,* a farmer of Concord, was born at Canterbury, N.H., January 24, 1833, and is a representative of the third generation of the Stevens family born in this town. His paternal grandfather, whose name, it is believed, was Simeon Stevens, was a farmer and lifelong resident of Canterbury. He attained an advanced age, and was the father of six sons and four daughters. Three of the sons — Moses, John, and Thomas — went West, and settled in Princeton, Ill., where they grew prosperous and married. John Stevens had a son who became extremely wealthy, and two of the sons of Simeon Stevens became members of Congress.

Jesse Stevens, father of Albert, remained in his native town when his brothers went West, and in course of time became one of its leading citizens. Early in life he began to teach, and he followed that occupation for some years. He lived to be sixty-one years old, and at the time of his death had been Selectman of the town for many years. He married Abigail Sherborne, of Epsom; and they had seven children — Harriet, Mary A., Sylvester, Caroline, Susan T., Nancy, and Albert. Mary is the wife of Rufus Virgin, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Sylvester lives in East Concord; Caroline, who is the widow of Stephen Clark, resides at Littleton, Mass.; Nancy, who lives in Concord, is the wife of Moody S. Farnum; Harriet and Susan are deceased.

Albert Stevens, who was the youngest son of his parents, received his education in the schools of Concord. He then took up farming, and besides he was for some time engaged in trade at Tilton, N.H. He has also done some butchering, and has handled many horses and cattle. At one time he owned a stage line between Northwood and New Market. In 1861 he came to East Concord, and invested in a farm; but, his buildings being burned, he bought the old Carter Tavern of stage-coach fame. Mr. Stevens married Miss Susan E. Goodwin, a daughter of Reuben Goodwin, of East Concord. Mrs. Stevens died in September, 1872, after having borne her husband one son, Jesse G., who married Sarah O'Reagan. Mr. Stevens served as Assessor for seven or eight years, and was a member of the legislature in 1872 and 1873. He votes the Democratic ticket, and cast his first vote for President Buchanan in 1856.

ALVA J. DEARBORN,* a prosperous farmer of Canterbury, N.H., was born in this town, October 13, 1851, son of James and Susan (Fellows) Dearborn. James Dearborn, who was a native of Plymouth, N.H., came to this town when a young man, and carried on farming here the rest of his life. He died in December, 1868. His wife, a native of Canterbury, died April 1, 1882. They had five children: Ella, now the

wife of C. Wesley Carter, of Boscawen; Alva J., the subject of this sketch; Susan E., who died in March, 1895; and twins, one of whom was named Lyman, and both of whom died in infancy. The surviving children received a good education in the grammar school and high school of Canterbury.

Alva Dearborn, though but seventeen years old when his father died, took charge of the farm, and carried it on successfully, caring for his mother the rest of her life. He has greatly improved the property, and the farm now contains about three hundred acres of good land. Besides general farming Mr. Dearborn is engaged in the wood and lumber business, and also carries on an extensive dairy, shipping his milk to Boston. He also makes a specialty of raising fine fruit for the market. In politics he is a Republican. He has served several terms as Selectman, and has held other minor offices. He was married October 10, 1883, to Miss Ada Belle Cochran, of Walpole, N.H., born February 4, 1854, a daughter of Samuel and Relief (Leonard) Cochran. Mr. and Mrs. Dearborn are the parents of four children: Susan Relief, born May 23, 1884; Samuel James, born June 30, 1886; Fred Earl, born October 4, 1888; and Mollie Keturah, born November 7, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Dearborn are highly esteemed by their numerous acquaintances in Canterbury and the vicinity.

JAMES DODGE, who cultivated a good farm in Pembroke, and owned considerable real estate in this and other towns, was born in Goffstown, N.H., November 14, 1829, son of John G. and Polly (Tallant) Dodge. His great-grandfather, Antipas Dodge, who lived to be one hundred and one years old, and died on Independence Day, was a native of Haverhill, Mass., and an early settler in Goffstown. The first wife of Antipas, Margaret Boise Dodge, was the mother of James Dodge, grandfather of the subject of this sketch. The names of his second wife and her children are unknown.

James Dodge, who was a lifelong resident of Goffstown, and spent his active period in tilling the soil, married for his first wife Peggy Gordon, and reared a family of six children, none of whom are living. One of them was the mother of the famous midget, Commodore Nutt. James Dodge lived to be eighty-five years old, and his wife died at sixty-nine. John G. Dodge, born in Goffstown, was brought up to farming. At an early age he displayed a liking for agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he became a successful farmer. He was a prominent man of Goffstown in his day, serving as a Justice of the Peace for many years. In politics he supported the Democratic party. His entire life was passed in his native town, and he lived to be seventy-nine years old. His wife, Polly, who was a native of Canterbury, became the mother of seven children, of whom there are living: Elizabeth Dodge and John G. Dodge (second). Elizabeth is the wife of William H. Hart, of Goffstown, and has four sons — Horace C., John D., Philip, and Edward. Her surviving brother, John G., who successively married Addie M. Travis and Lucy A. Colby, has no children. Mrs. Polly Dodge died at the age of sixty-nine years.

James Dodge attended schools in Goffstown, Hookset, and Andover, N.H. When he was twenty-nine years old he left home, and then went to Canterbury, N.H., where he resided for a time. In 1860 he bought a farm in Boscawen. Three years later he moved to Concord, N.H., where he lived for two years. In 1865 he purchased his farm in Pembroke.

He did not, however, become a permanent resident of this town until 1867, after which year he devoted his energy to general farming. In addition to his homestead farm of one hundred and fifty acres he owned about one hundred and twenty-five acres of woodland and pasture in this town, and about four hundred acres in Loudon, N.H.

On March 28, 1859, Mr. Dodge married Betsey Tallant, daughter of John L. and Sarah J. (Bean) Tallant, of Concord. His children are: John T., S. Jennie, and James E. S. Jennie is now the wife of Herbert J. Jones, of Alton, N.H. James E. wedded Mabel Ahmuty, and has three children — Gladys, James Herbert, and Leon T. In politics Mr. Dodge was a stanch Democrat. He had served as Selectman and upon the Board of Education. He was made a Justice of the Peace in 1877, and so continued until his death. He was one of the best known farmers of the locality, and had the respect of the entire community.

CHANCEY ADAMS, M.D., a successful medical practitioner of Concord, was born in North New Portland, Me., March 15, 1861, son of Benjamin and Eliza Briton (Sawyer) Adams. He belongs to a branch of the famous old Massachusetts family of the same name. Henry Adams, the founder of the Massachusetts family, was an English emigrant, who came over to this country in the year 1630, with his eight sons, and settled in Braintree, in the Colony of Massachusetts. Of these eight sons, one subsequently returned to England. The names of the others, according to the records of Massachusetts, were: Peter, Henry, Thomas, Edward, Jonathan, Samuel, and Joseph. Samuel was the father of two sons, one of whom was Joseph Adams, who lived in North Chelmsford, Mass. Joseph was the father of Benjamin Adams, who was the father of William Adams, who was the father of Solomon Adams, who was the great-grandfather of Dr. Adams. Solomon Adams migrated from North Chelmsford, Mass., his native town, to Farmington, Me., at the close of the Revolutionary War. The record shows that he had served his country during that war from May 15, 1777, to May 15, 1780, in Captain James Varnum's company, of Colonel Michael Jackson's regiment; but his active military service actually extended beyond these dates. William Adams, son of Solomon and grandfather of Dr. Adams, was a native of Farmington, Me. He passed his entire life in that town, engaged in farming, and died June 12, 1862, at the age of seventy-three years. He married Nancy Hiscock, and had a numerous family of children, of whom three died in infancy. The others were born as follows: Thomas H., March 14, 1813; Hannah B., October 19, 1815; William, Jr., August 21, 1817; Nancy K., August 4, 1819; John R., August 17, 1821; Benjamin, April 7, 1823; Samuel, April 11, 1825; Lucy J., October 6, 1829; and Dolly, September 3, 1835. Of these the sole survivor is Benjamin, the father of Dr. Adams. He is a native of Farmington, Me. In early manhood he studied law while teaching school, and was subsequently admitted to the Franklin County bar. He then took up his residence in North New Portland, Me., where he was engaged in the practice of his profession from 1847 to 1870 when he moved to North Anson, Me. He is now seventy-four years old. From 1849 to 1854 he was Postmaster at North New Portland. He was Register of Probate from 1854 to 1855. In 1873 he was a member of the House of Representatives of the Maine legis-

lature. He is a Congregationalist in religious belief. In 1849 he married Eliza Briton Sawyer, daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Williams) Sawyer. Lemuel Williams, the grandfather of Mrs. Eliza Adams, was a native of Woolwich, Mass., now in Maine. Having enlisted in Colonel Nixon's regiment, he served during a part of the Revolutionary War. The children of Benjamin Adams were Sarah Frances, Ellen Maria, and Chancey. Sarah Frances, who married John P. Clark, a lumberman of Skowhegan, Me., has had six children, of whom five are living. Ellen Maria died at the age of two and one-half years.

Chancey Adams was educated in the district schools of North Anson, Me., and at Anson Academy, graduating from the latter institution in the class of 1880. For six months after his graduation he was employed in the drug store at North Anson. Then, feeling the need of additional education, he entered Waterville Classical Institute (now Coburn Classical Institute, Waterville, Me.), and graduated from the same in 1881. In the autumn he became a student of Colby University in Waterville, and, after completing the course, graduated in 1885. After this he taught for several terms in the district schools of Waldoboro and Embden and in the Phillips High School. Having decided to enter the medical profession, he attended the Portland Medical School and the Maine Medical School in Brunswick during the years 1888, 1890, and 1891, graduating (from the latter institution) in June of the last-named year. From 1886 to 1891 he employed all his spare time in a drug store in the interests of his intended profession. After graduating from the Maine Medical School, he entered the United States Marine Hospital at Staten Island. Thence he went to Taunton, Mass., as assistant physician in the insane asylum of that city, where he remained until January 1, 1893. Desiring to qualify himself still further for the medical profession, he then went to New York City, and took a three months' course in the Post-graduate Medical School and Hospital. After this, on September 26, 1893, he opened an office in Concord, where he has since been in active practice. Dr. Adams already occupies a front place in his chosen calling, and his ability and skill are acknowledged by his medical associates. He has been elected a member of the North Bristol (Mass.) Medical Society, which made him a member of the Massachusetts State Medical Society. He also belongs to the Centre District Medical Society of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire State Medical Society. On January 25, 1897, he was elected City Physician of Concord for two years.

On January 9, 1893, Dr. Adams married Laurinda Clara Coombs, of Gloucester, Mass. They have had two children: Benjamin W., who died in infancy; and Edmund Chancey. In politics the Doctor is a Democrat, and he cast his first Presidential vote for Grover Cleveland in 1884. He is a member of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 11, of Free and Accepted Masons, of Concord; and of Concord Lodge, No. 8, K. of P., of Concord. Amply qualified by the services rendered to their country by his ancestry on both sides, Dr. Adams is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

OSCAR F. RICHARDSON,* a well-known citizen of Concord, was born at Southbridge, Vt., January 2, 1835, son of Hazen and Zilby (Whitcomb) Richardson. Hazen Richardson was a native of the State of New Hampshire, and was a carpenter by trade. He removed to Whitehall, N.Y., quite early in life, and passed most of his

days in that town, dying there in 1860, at the age of about seventy years. He and his wife, Zilby Whitcomb Richardson, had eight children; namely, Delilah, Dequesna, Lillian, Cornelia, Oscar F., Henrietta, Jeffers O., and Alice, of whom Delilah, Dequesna, Lillian, Jeffers O., and Alice are now deceased.

Oscar F. Richardson, after being educated in the district schools of Stockbridge, Vt., first found employment in the woollen-mills of that town, where he continued for the next five years. He then went to Massachusetts, where he remained for about two years. At the end of that time he came to Concord, to take charge of the finishing-rooms in the mills of Messrs. B. F. & D. Holden, which have since been incorporated as the Concord Manufacturing Company; and he remained in their employ some seven years. He was subsequently appointed a station agent for the C. & C. Railroad, which position he held for more than six years. He was then employed at the Concord Water Works at West Concord, and was also appointed superintendent of Penacook Park. He was also connected with the police force of the city of Concord for ten years. At the present time he is engaged in the milk business, maintaining a fine herd of sixteen cows. Although anxious to take up arms in the defence of his country upon the breaking out of the Civil War, his strong filial devotion to his mother, who required his presence and support, withheld him, and led him to sacrifice his personal inclinations to his duty as a son. In 1871 Mr. Richardson married Miss Nealy Clough, and they are the parents of three children: Susan, who is the wife of Charles Allison, of Concord; Henry M.; and Alice M. Mr. Richardson is a Republican in his politics, and cast his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont in 1856. He enjoys the respect and confidence of his fellow-townsmen, by whom he is regarded as an upright and useful citizen.

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